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PROGRESS FOR NEARLY A CENTURY

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CHARLES L. ENGLISH.

Few if any of the business men of Danville are better known throughout this section of the state than Charles L. English. He is not only one of Danville's foremost citizens, but a man who for more than forty years has been prominently identified with her financial interests. He stands as a central figure in banking circles here and his name is known and honored among the leading financiers. Earnest, discriminating study of each duty that has devolved upon him and of each situation in which he has been placed have brought him a keen discriminating knowledge that now enables him to bring a ready and correct solution of the financial problems which are presented to him.

A native of Indiana, Mr. English was born in Perrysville, on the 15th of July, 1846, and is a son of Joseph G. English who brought his family to Danville in 1854, being at that time only eight years of age. He has practically spent his entire life here and is indebted to the public schools of the city for the early educational advantages he enjoyed. Later he attended De Pauw University at Asbury, Indiana, for one year. His patriotism and loyalty to his country was shown in April, 1864, when he enlisted in defense of the union, becoming a member of Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. At that time he was not yet eighteen years of age, but he served his country well for a term of one hundred days and in October of the same year was honorably discharged. On starting out in life for himself Mr. English was engaged in the grain business for ten or twelve years and also furnished lumber and railroad supplies under contract, being associated in this enterprise with Colonel L. T. Dickason, now of Chicago. Their business grew in volume and importance until their trade assumed extensive proportions, giving employment to several hundred men.

In 1867 Mr. English became interested in the banking business, and has since been identified with the First National Bank, of which he is now president. Since 1882 he has devoted his time almost exclusively to his banking interests and for a number of years filled the position of cashier, after which he served as vice president, but since 1899, upon the retirement of his father, who had been president of the institution for many years, our subject succeeded

to that office. In this connection his splendid business and executive ability have been called forth and the success of the institution is largely due to him. The business of the bank has steadily increased under his administration and the capital stock has been raised to three hundred thousand dollars, while there is a surplus of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Mr. English has given his best energies to the advancement of this institution and is uniformly regarded as the leading financier of this part of the state. He has played no small part in the development of the coal fields of Vermilion and adjoining counties, not exactly as an operator but in the important capacity of financing several projects. He was early identified with the Westville Coal Company and was a moving spirit in the Riola Coal Company.

In 1883 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. English to Miss Mary A. O'Hara, of Anderson, Indiana, and they have become the parents of two children, namely, Benjamin Charles and Daniel. The latter died at the age of fifteen years. The former, a graduate of the University of Chicago, of the class of 1907, married Miss Pearl Benjamin, a daughter of F. A. Benjamin, and is now a director and teller in the First National Bank of Danville.

Since attaining his majority Mr. English has always affiliated with the republican party and has taken a keen and active interest in its success. While not an office seeker, he wields a strong influence in political circles, being one of the party's advisors and counselors in that section of the state. His support, likewise his opposition, has for years been a factor in political contests. Fraternally he is an honored member of the Masonic order and as a citizen takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to the general good, being a supporter of many public enterprises and charitable institutions, to which he gives his influence as well as his means for their advancement. His business career has been actuated by laudable ambition and characterized by unfaltering industry, combined with a close adherence to a high standard of business ethics. It would be difficult to point out any one characteristic as his most pronounced trait, for his is a most evenly balanced character, in which business capacity and power are matched by recognition of life's purposes and the obligations of man to his fellowmen. By nature he is cordial and kindly and possesses a personality which, while inspiring respect, also wins the warm friendship of those with whom he comes in contact. In 1898 Mr. English erected his residence at 1125 North Vermilion street, which has since been the family home.

WILLIAM F. KEENEY.

William F. Keeney, a prominent and well known resident of Vermilion county, was long actively identified with agricultural interests here but is now living retired in Catlin. His birth occurred in Catlin township, this county, on the 1st of October, 1843, his parents being Thomas H. and Elizabeth (Caraway) Keeney, both of whom were natives of Greenbrier county, West Virginia. They came to Vermilion county in 1831 and bought school land, erecting a log cabin thereon. Here they continued to reside throughout the remainder of their

lives and in their passing the community lost two of its most honored and respected pioneer settlers. They became the parents of nine children but the only survivor of the family is the subject of this review.

William F. Keeney attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and lived with his parents until they were called to their final rest. He then took charge of the old homestead farm in Catlin township and the property is still in his possession. General agricultural pursuits claimed his attention throughout his active business career and eventually brought him the competence that now enables him to spend the evening of life in honorable retirement. Since the 1st of January, 1909, he has made his home in the village of Catlin, having there erected a fine residence. His property holdings embrace five hundred acres of valuable land in this county and also a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Meade county, Kansas. He is likewise identified with financial interests as the vice president of the First National Bank of Catlin and is also a director of the bank at Oakwood, this county.

On the 13th of October, 1880, Mr. Keeney was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary A. Richards, a native of Indiana and a daughter of James and Mary (Kepley) Richards, who were likewise born in the Hoosier state. They came to Vermilion county, Illinois, after the close of the Civil war and passed away in Georgetown. Their children were twelve in number.

In politics Mr. Keeney is a stanch republican but the honors and emoluments of office have never had any attraction for him. Fraternally he is identified with Mayfield Lodge, No. 635, K. P., and the Modern Woodmen of America at Catlin, having filled all of the chairs in the latter organization. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Catlin. Having always remained within the borders of Vermilion county, he has gained an extensive circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances, and his salient characteristics are such as have won for him the unqualified respect, esteem and good will of his fellowmen.

HENRI STRONAHON BABCOCK, M. D.

Not all who become followers of the medical profession attain success therein. It demands special fitness, a ready sympathy combined with quickness of perception in determining what remedies are needed for the peculiar condition of the patient, and these qualities must be added to a broad, comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the principles of the medical science. In all of these particulars Dr. Henri S. Babcock, a well known physician and surgeon of Danville, is well acquainted for his chosen work and has thus achieved success.

Dr. Babcock was born in Conewonego township, Warren county, Pennsylvania, on the 26th of August, 1869, his parents being Joseph Foulton and Jennie E. Babcock. In the paternal line he is descended from English and Dutch ancestry, while on the maternal side he comes of Irish and Welsh lineage. The father of our subject loyally fought for the preservation of the Union during the period of the Civil war.

In his youthful years Dr. Babcock attended the Warren Union School of Warren, Pennsylvania, being graduated from the academic department in 1887. Wishing to enter professional life, he became a student in the medical department of the University of Michigan, from which institution he was graduated in June, 1891. The same year he located for practice at Jamesburg, Vermilion county, Illinois, where he remained for a decade or until 1901, since which time he has resided continuously in Danville, having here built up an extensive and profitable patronage in the line of his profession.

On the 24th of December, 1891, in Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Babcock was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Buck, by whom he has two children, Joseph Henri and Jennie May. In his political views Dr. Babcock is a stanch republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. He likewise belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Masons, having attained the fourteenth degree in the latter fraternity. The Danville Physicians Club also numbers him among its members. He is a man of marked individuality, of strong character and stalwart purpose, who in citizenship and professional circles and in private life commands the respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

HON. A. G. PHELPS DODGE.

A. G. Phelps Dodge needs no introduction to the citizens of Danville or of Vermilion county. A man of broad education and extensive knowledge, of considerable wealth, he has proved himself a prominent factor in the community through the quiet, yet forceful, influence which he exerts in behalf of public progress through his generous support of measures for the public good and by the timely assistance which he renders when material aid is needed.

Cheshire, England, was the original home of the family as far back as the ancestry can be traced. A patent bearing date April 8, 1306, states that "Peter Dodge, gentleman of the town of Stopworth, county of Chester, England," did such loyal and valiant service for his sovereign, Edward I, that he and his heirs forever were entitled to "have, enjoy and use" a coat of arms. On the 10th of July, 1629, William Dodge, the first American ancestor, arrived at Salem, Massachusetts, and that he was a man of considerable prominence is indicated by the fact that he bore the title of Mr.—a term significant of a leading position in a community and of high moral worth. William Dodge and his brother Richard were the progenitors of families that through succeeding generations have sent their representatives into almost every state in the Union. Moreover, the history of the Dodge family is one of closest connection with American annals. Not only have representatives of the name gained positions of leadership in business circles but have also left their impress upon the laws of state and nation through service in the general assemblies and in congress, while in the military history of the country the name stands distinctly forth. Hon. William E. Dodge, the father of him whose name introduces this review, was a well known philanthropist and merchant of New York city and for a considerable period represented his district in congress.

It was in New York city on the 25th of August, 1834, that A. G. Phelps Dodge was born. Liberal educational opportunities were afforded him, and he has wisely used his time and talents for the benefit of his fellowmen and for the support of progressive public measures as well as for individual needs and pleasures. Through his operation in real estate he has contributed to the material benefit and improvement of Danville and aside from all business connections has stood as the champion of the interests of this city in which he has made his home since 1886. Early in life he had extensive timber lands and lumbering interests in several of the states, particularly in Pennsylvania, Georgia and Kentucky. For nine years he was in Ontario, Canada, working one of the most extensive plants in that country, consisting of six large mills and a line of stream barges operating on the Georgian Bay and the Great Lakes. During his residence there he made his home on Lake Simcoe, in the county of York, one of the largest counties in Canada, which he represented in the Dominion parliament at Ottawa for two years, during the inception of the Canadian Pacific Railway by his great chief, Sir John A. MacDonald. His invested interests have always displayed keen discernment and unfaltering enterprise and on the whole have been attended with splendid success.

Mr. Dodge was married on the 2d of June, 1886, to Miss Rose Voorhees, a daughter of Peter and Mary Voorhees, and a favorite niece of Daniel Voorhees, United States senator from Indiana. She has since passed away, however, her death occurring July 2, 1910. Mr. Dodge has the personal qualities which make for popularity and has the faculty of placing anyone at ease in his presence. The culture of previous generations has left its impress upon him and his well developed intellectual powers and his breadth of view make him a favorite in social circles where intelligent men gather for the discussion of deep and vital questions. Danville is proud to number him among her citizens, and he in turn is proud of the achievement of the city with which he has allied his interests for almost a quarter of a century.

ELIAS D. SMITH.

Elias D. Smith, a well known and prosperous agriculturist of Blount township, is the owner of two hundred acres of rich and productive land, constituting one of the most highly improved farms in the county. His birth occurred in Ross township, Vermilion county, Illinois, on the 14th of August, 1858, his parents being George E. and Eliza A. (Fairchilds) Smith, natives of Ohio and Illinois respectively. Following their marriage they took up their abode on a farm in this county and the father has here been engaged in general agricultural pursuits continuously since, now residing on a tract of two hundred and forty acres on section 33, Blount township. He is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community as a substantial and representative citizen. Unto him and his wife were born nine children, namely: John E., Marshall M., Wesley C., Woodard G., Elizabeth L., Sadie, Eva J., Josie O. and Elias D.

The last named lived with his parents until he had attained his majority and then rented a part of the old homestead farm, operating the place for three years. On the expiration of that period he bought a tract of two hundred acres in Blount township, to the cultivation of which he has devoted his time and energies continuously since. The property is lacking in none of the improvements and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century and the well tilled fields annually yield bounteous harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

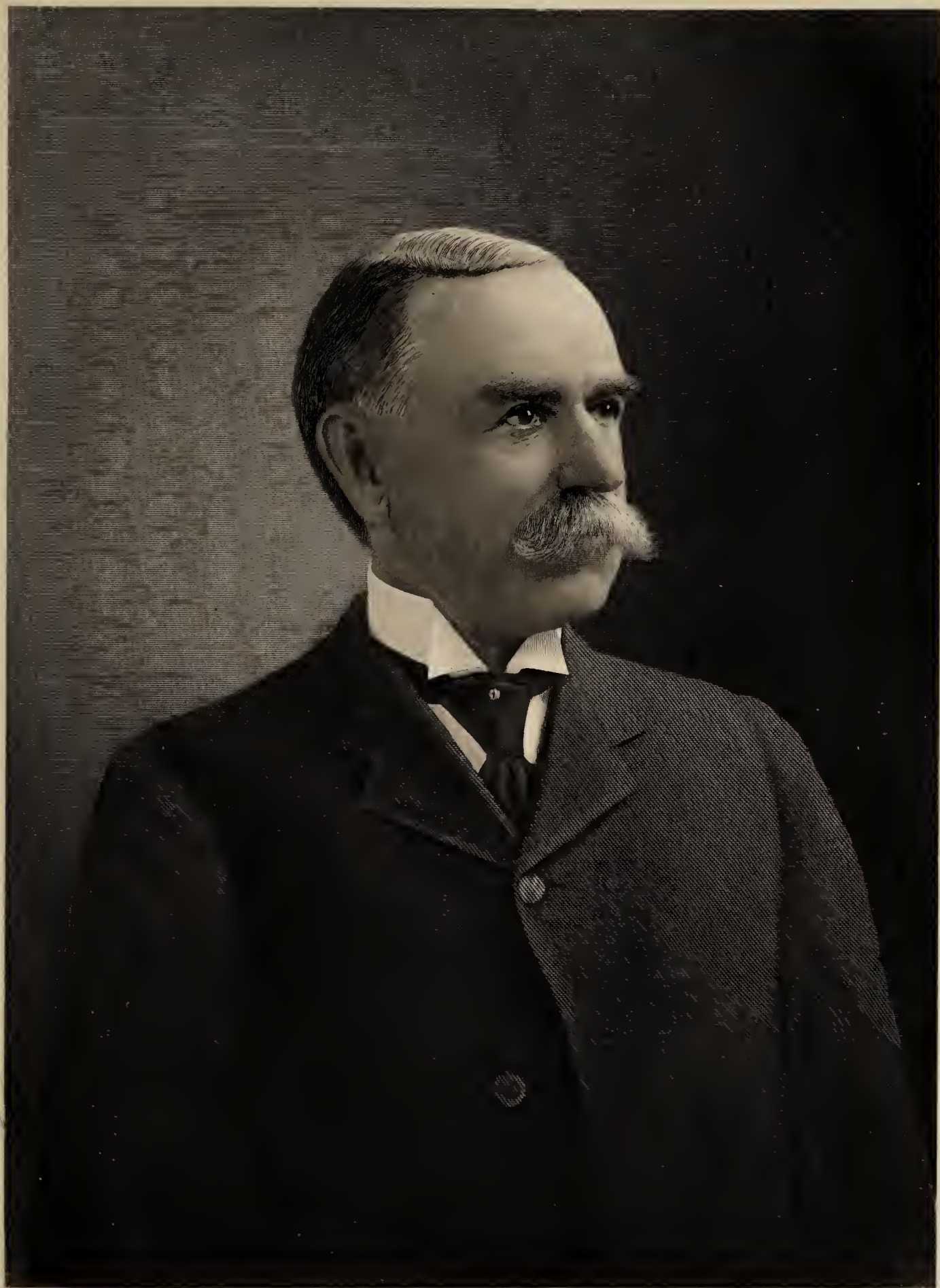
On the 25th of October, 1882, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Clara F. Smith, who was born on the 8th of December, 1862, her parents being Charles E. and Mary (McMullen) Smith, natives of Ohio. They came to Illinois at an early day, settling in Danville, where Charles E. Smith was employed in a mill for twelve years. At the end of that time he left the mill and became the proprietor of a feed store, conducting the same until 1898. During the past twelve years, however, he has lived in honorable retirement at Danville. He was twice married and by his first wife, who died in 1875, had three children, as follows: William, Clara F. and Ada. In 1880 Charles E. Smith was again married, his second union being with Miss Lizzie Ringen, of Indiana, by whom he had the following children: Mettie, Alice, Mary, Evert, Clarence, Gilbert and Grover. The mother of these children was called to her final rest in 1900.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Elias D. Smith were born four children, namely: Palmer C., who has taught school for six years; George L., at home; Mabel, the wife of Clarence Vandivort, of Vermilion county; and Oliver A., who passed away on the 13th of October, 1889. The death of the wife and mother, which occurred on the 29th of June, 1902, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

Mr. Smith is a democrat in politics and has capably served as school trustee for a quarter of a century. His fraternal relations are with lodge No. 907 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Henning, Illinois, and Modern Woodmen camp No. 4425 at Jamesburg, Illinois. Recently he has also become identified with the Masonic fraternity at Potomac, Illinois. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. A resident of the county from his birth to the present time, he is widely known within its borders and the sterling qualities which he has displayed in his social and business relations have gained him a high place in the regard and good will of his fellow townsmen.

JACOB S. McFERREN.

"Thrift of time," said William E. Gladstone, "will repay you in after life with a usury of profit beyond your most sanguine dreams and waste of it will make you dwindle alike in intellectual and moral stature beyond your darkest reckoning." This statement finds verification in the record of Jacob S. McFerren, who in all of his life seems to have improved every opportunity that has presented nor wasted a moment that might be advantageously used. He has displayed both initiative spirit and a genius for organization and, never fearing to ven-



J.S. McFerran

ture where favoring opportunity has led the way, has reached a commanding position in connection with one of the most extensive and important productive industries in the country. One interest alone, however, does not indicate the scope of his activities, for his efforts have extended to many lines, covering commercial, industrial and financial interests, and aside from all these fields in which his labors have brought him profit, he has put forth effective efforts for the benefit and upbuilding of his city, cooperating largely and generously where the general welfare of the community has been involved.

A native of Ohio, Jacob S. McFerren was born in Warren county, October 1, 1845, his parents being William M. and Eliza (Snyder) McFerren, the former a merchant who was born in South Caroline and died in 1894. The family numbered two sons and two daughters: Alvira B., now the wife of Ed Griffith, cashier of the First National Bank of Hoopeston; Mrs. Mary Huey, of Hoopes-ton; Pingree; and Jacob S.

The last named was a pupil in the public schools of his native county and in Bartlett Commercial College at Cincinnati, Ohio. His early business experience was received under the direction of his father, whom he assisted in the store through the periods of vacation. At the age of fifteen he left school and became an equal partner with his uncle in a business at Level, Ohio, his uncle furnishing the capital, while he managed the enterprise and received half the profits. The store was conducted under the firm style of J. S. McFerren & Company. Two years later his uncle entered into other business connections, becoming a member of a grain firm, but a heavy decline in the grain market and other disastrous speculations caused the firm to suspend with heavy liabilities. This naturally affected the firm of J. S. McFerren & Company to a large extent, although in the meantime Mr. McFerren had built up an extensive trade. The business was closed out and all debts paid in full, leaving the firm name untarnished, although through the unfortunate speculations of his partner Mr. McFerren had but three hundred dollars left of the three thousand dollars clear profit which he had made in the conduct of his mercantile enterprises.

His capital being thus greatly reduced, he was obliged to seek employment, remaining in Ohio until August, 1865, when, thinking that perhaps better opportunities might be secured farther west, he made his way to Paxton, Illinois, then a young man of twenty years. There he took charge of the books of J. W. Scott and after a short time secured a more lucrative position with R. Clark, one of the oldest merchants of Paxton, whom he served as bookkeeper to the close of the year, when Mr. Clark, owing to failing health, offered to turn over his stock and business to his nephew, A. L. Clark, and Mr. McFerren, loaning them all needed capital. The proposition was accepted and the firm of Clark & McFerren took charge of the business. Success attended the venture from beginning, the trade was established upon a substantial basis and their capital steadily and rapidly increased. They enlarged their stock to meet the growing demands of the trade and such was the success to which they attained that Mr. McFerren at length determined to engage in banking and in the real-estate business. In those lines he associated himself with T. W. Chamberlin, under the style of McFerren & Chamberlin, and on the 1st of August, 1872, they opened a bank in Hoopeston. Although the business was but a new concern;

they passed successfully through the financial panic of 1873, keeping their doors opened throughout that trying period and winning public confidence by the safe, conservative methods which they followed. In 1874, owing to ill health, Mr. Chamberlin retired, Mr. McFerren assuming entire management. From a small beginning the business has developed until this is recognized as one of the strong national banks of the state.

It has been characteristic of Mr. McFerren's business career that he has never failed to venture where favoring opportunity has led the way, his sound judgment recognizing the value of business conditions, while his powers of organization have led him to so manage and coordinate forces that desired results have been achieved, followed by substantial success. His investments, too, have been most judiciously made and indicate his sound and discriminating judgment. He today individually owns several thousand acres of land near Hoopeston and as a member of the firm of Moore, McFerren & Seavey he has also operated extensively in real estate, the firm in the first year of its existence doing a business amounting to three hundred and thirty thousand dollars. Mr. Seavey withdrew from the partnership but the firm of Moore & McFerren still exists and has large landed interests in the south through the states of Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee. Their operations in different sections have been of inestimable value to the communities, for they have not only bought and sold land but have greatly improved their property, have established industries thereon and have secured transportation facilities through railroad building. They were the builders of twenty miles of railroad from Luxora, Arkansas, to Big Lake, called the Mississippi, Big Lake & Western Railroad. They have along that line thirty thousand acres of land and the railroad furnishes an outlet for their lumber and also constitutes a part of the trunk line from the Mississippi river to Joplin, Missouri. They have an extensive sawmill at Luxora and are also owners of a sawmill at Pitman's Island and another at Woodstock, Mississippi, each having a capacity of twenty-five thousand feet per day, while three other sawmills which they own turn out twenty thousand feet of lumber daily. Their most extensive lumber industry, however, is located at Memphis, Tennessee, where they have a double-band sawmill with a capacity of fifty thousand feet per day, the plant being erected at a cost of seventy-five thousand dollars. Their interests likewise include a large box factory at Memphis.

Hoopeston has profited largely through the efforts of Mr. McFerren in the upbuilding of the industrial interests at this point. He became one of the founders of the Union Tin Can Company and became a stockholder of the American Tin Can Company when the former was merged into the latter. He is joint owner with A. H. Trego of the Hoopeston canning factory, devoted exclusively to the canning of corn—an enterprise that stands foremost in its class in the country. His real-estate holdings, include the bank block, office buildings, the opera house block and many other business and residence structures.

It has not been alone along business lines, however, that Mr. McFerren has done splendid work for Hoopeston. Unlike many men of wealth, he has not left political service for others but has felt it a duty and obligation to serve his fellowmen when they have indicated their wish that he should do so. He was chosen Hoopeston's first mayor and on several occasions has been re-elected to

the office. During his first term he succeeded in suppressing all the saloons in the town and there has never been an established liquor business in Hoopeston since that time. He has labored for street improvements, including the paving and has done much other effective work in the line of reform, progress and up-building. He has been treasurer and director of the district agricultural society, school treasurer of township 23, range 12, and one of the original projectors of the Ford County Agricultural Society. Churches and benevolent enterprises have received his support and his aid is withheld from no undertaking for the public good. His interest in the public library has been evidenced in his generous gifts thereto and Hoopeston's fine park is a mark of his generosity and public spirit. For this purpose he purchased the old fair grounds of thirty acres at a cost of six thousand dollars and presented the tract as a gift to the city for park purposes.

On the 4th of April, 1871, Mr. McFerren was united in marriage to Miss Susie P. Clark, a daughter of R. Clark, but her death occurred on the 28th of July of the same year. He afterward wedded Miss Lida A. Schultz, who died in 1894, leaving two sons, William and Donald. In 1897 Mr. McFerren married Miss Lottie L. Shultz, a sister of his former wife. Theirs is one of the handsome homes of Hoopeston, erected in 1885, and it is justly noted for its warm-hearted hospitality. The simplicity and beauty of Mr. McFerren's daily life, as seen in his home and family relations, constitute an even balance to his splendid business ability, resulting in the establishment of some of the largest commercial enterprises of the middle west. To make his native talents subserve the demands which conditions of society impose at the present time is the purpose of his life, and by reason of the mature judgment which characterizes his efforts at all times he stands today as a splendid representative of the prominent manufacturer and capitalist to whom business is but one phase of life and does not exclude his active participation in and support of the other vital interests which go to make up human existence.

WILLIAM LYONS.

William Lyons, holding a position of distinctive precedence as a financier of Danville, has throughout his long connection with banking interests stood as an honored representative of a department of activity that has ever been a most important factor in conserving the business development and progress of every community. While today at the head of the Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, he is through investment and official service also connected with many other leading business concerns that are substantial forces in the industrial and commercial growth of the city.

Pennsylvania numbers him among her native sons, for he was born in Lehigh county, May 1, 1840, his parents being Isaac and Jane (Barr) Lyons, both of whom were natives of County Derry, Ireland, but were married in Pennsylvania after coming to this country. During his early residence here the father was a manufacturer of pig iron in the iron districts of Pennsylvania, where he con-

tinued to live for several years and then returned to his native land in company with his four children: William, Oliver, Samuel and Isaac, Jr. While in Ireland the last named died and another son was born there, to whom was given the name of Isaac. The object of this trip to the Emerald isle was the securing of a small legacy left to the father, and after about fifteen months he returned to America with his family. He had sailed from New York on the ship *Empire*, which was twenty-seven days in crossing the Atlantic, and returned on a similar sailing vessel, known as the *New World*, which was about the same length of time on the voyage. On again reaching the shores of this country he located in the same place in Pennsylvania but did not remain there very long. His next home was in Ironton, Ohio, where he continued to engage in the iron business from 1855 to 1870. In the latter year he removed to Fairmount, Illinois, where his son William had bought a farm, and there he engaged in agricultural pursuits until the death of his wife, when he sold the place and purchased another farm in Douglas county, this state, remaining there until called to his final rest. He was born in 1803 and died in 1899, at the extreme old age of ninety-six years. He was the youngest in a family of thirteen children and was a man of regular habits, possessing a strong constitution and weighing one hundred and eighty pounds. Throughout life he was very industrious and energetic and was a man in whom his fellowmen had the utmost confidence. For a time during the Civil war he was connected with the quartermaster's department and his sons, William and Oliver, were also connected with that department, the latter being stationed at Fayetteville, West Virginia, where he was foreman of a squad of men, while William was located at Charleston and was general superintendent of highways from Charleston to Fayetteville, having in charge several squads of men on this work. Another son, Samuel, served for three years in the Second Virginia Infantry.

During the temporary residence of the family in Ireland, William Lyons attended school in Coleraine, which city was divided by a river separating the counties of Derry and Antrim, but the greater part of his education was obtained in the schools of this country. He was in the Union service for about three years and at the end of that time resigned and engaged in the contracting business at Parkersburg, West Virginia, remaining there until September, 1865, when he went to Kansas to make arrangements to embark in the sheep business. Having given a man one hundred dollars on account to buy one hundred tons of hay for him, he came to Illinois and near Springfield purchased two thousand head of sheep. About this time he received a letter from his brother, who was farming in Douglas county, asking him to bring his sheep with him and feed them upon the grain he had raised, as there was no market for the same nearer than twenty miles. William then went to see his brother and after talking the matter over with him concluded to accept his offer, though he lost the one hundred dollars he had given to the man for the purchase of hay. Thirty years after this occurred he met a neighbor of this man while on a train who told him that the man had become very wealthy and attributed his success to the hundred dollars Mr. Lyons had deposited with him. As the country was new and the grass very long, the sheep became diseased and he finally sold out and discontinued that business. He was next employed as a salaried foreman on a big

ranch of about forty sections of land until 1871, when he purchased a farm in Vermilion county and continued its operation for four years. He next embarked in the lumber business at Hume, Illinois, which he carried on until 1887 and then sold out to his brother Oliver, who still continues in that business.

Mr. Lyons first became interested in the banking business at Sidell, Illinois, as a member of the firm of Lyons, Alexander & Company, who conducted a private bank, but he disposed of his interest in that institution in 1906 and purchased four hundred and seventy-five shares out of the one thousand shares of the Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Danville and has since been its president. This bank has been remarkably successful under his administration, having doubled its amount of deposits, and the capital stock is now one hundred thousand dollars and the surplus thirty-five thousand dollars. This success is attributable in a large measure to the keen discernment, indefatigable energy and strong purpose of Mr. Lyons. He and the cashier of the bank, G. W. Telling, own three thousand acres of land in southeastern Texas, which produces cotton, cane and rice, and he is also a large landowner in Kankakee, Vermilion and Edgar counties, Illinois. His judgment has come to be regarded as practically infallible concerning the complex problems of banking and finance, for his progressiveness is tempered by a safe conservatism and based upon a thorough understanding of the conditions of the money market and the business principles involved.

In 1871 Mr. Lyons was united in marriage to Miss Mary Todd, a native of New York city, and to them were born two children: Anna, now the wife of G. W. Telling, cashier of the Commercial Trust & Savings Bank; and Flora, who died in infancy. The family is one of prominence in social circles and they hold membership in the Kimber Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Lyons is also identified with the Masonic fraternity and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen has taken a commendable interest in public affairs, having served as president of the town board of Sidell for ten years. Trustworthy and faithful in business, progressive in citizenship and loyal to the claims of friendship, he has thus displayed many good qualities which have gained him high regard.

HARRY J. HOUGHTON.

Harry J. Houghton, the proprietor of a well appointed undertaking establishment of Georgetown, was born in Dana, Indiana, on the 28th of October, 1884, his parents being Elijah and Mary (Jaggers) Houghton. The father's birth occurred at Montezuma, Indiana, in 1850, while the mother first opened her eyes to the light of day in Dana, Indiana, in 1853. Elijah Houghton devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and passed away in 1888. His widow still survives and makes her home on a farm near Dana, Indiana.

Harry J. Houghton acquired his education in the grammar and high schools of Dana and in 1905 became connected with the undertaking business at Knoxville, Illinois, there remaining for about one year. He was afterward similarly

engaged in Chicago and various other points in Illinois until 1908, which year witnessed his arrival in Georgetown. Here he embarked in business as an undertaker on his own account and has since conducted a successful enterprise of this character. He carries a fine line of caskets and funeral supplies and a liberal patronage is accorded him, for his prices are reasonable and his integrity is above question.

On the 3d of June, 1908, at Sidell, Illinois, Mr. Houghton was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary B. Moore, who was born, reared and educated at that place. They now have a daughter, Frances, whose natal day was September 18, 1909. Mr. Houghton belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Masons at Georgetown and is likewise a member of the Court of Honor at Quaker, Indiana.

C. L. SANDUSKY.

While the record of the business men may be less spectacular than that of the statesman or military leader, it is none the less essential and none the less valuable. In fact the stable prosperity and substantial growth of every community depends upon its enterprising and reliable business men who, day by day, perform their daily duties, advancing slowly yet steadily, utilizing every means that comes to hand not only to advance their own interests but also to promote the public welfare. To this class belongs C. L. Sandusky, proprietor of not only one of Danville's finest stores but the largest and finest exclusive furniture store in the state outside of Chicago.

He was born in Catlin, Vermilion county, on the 30th of September, 1872, and belongs to an old and prominent family of this region. His father, Jacob C. Sandusky, was a native of Kentucky and at an early age accompanied his father, Joshua Sandusky, on his removal to Illinois, the family locating at Brooks Point, Vermilion county. For some years the former engaged in agricultural pursuits at Catlin and owned and operated the land on which the Catlin fair grounds are now located. The home place was known as the Big Springs Farm, so named from the seven springs located thereon. It is now famous for its product of stone, being owned by the Illinois Steel Company, who are now operating valuable stone quarries there. In his farming operations the father of our subject was very successful and he especially prospered in his stock-raising interests, in fact the Sandusky family has become famous as stock-raisers. He died on the old home place in 1882. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary J. Gones, was a native of Ohio and during her girlhood settled at Catlin. Her father was Charles Gones, a respected pioneer of Vermilion county. C. L. Sandusky is the only son in a family of three children, his sisters being: Effie, the wife of J. W. Keeslar; and Viola S., now the wife of W. A. Bosley of Chicago.

C. L. Sandusky pursued his education in the public schools of Fairmount and after completing the high-school course spent some years on the home

farm, giving his father the benefit of his labors. At the age of twenty-four years he removed to Danville and became associated with his uncle, Thomas Gones, in the furniture business under the firm name of Gones & Sandusky. They began business here in a modest way in a small room at the present location of the store. In 1899 he purchased Mr. Gones' interest and has since conducted the business alone. From the start he has steadily prospered and from a small beginning the business has assumed extensive proportions until now, as previously stated, he has the largest and finest exclusive furniture store in Illinois outside of the metropolis.

On the 5th of October, 1892, Mr. Sandusky was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Marble, a native of Indiana, who has been to him a faithful companion and helpmate in the best sense of that term. She is an excellent business woman and has been of great assistance to her husband in the development of his business, having charge of the office. Their one child, a daughter, died in infancy.

Mr. Sandusky is a very public-spirited, patriotic citizen, taking a commendable interest in those measures which he believes will advance the moral or material welfare of his city, county and state. In 1905 he was elected one of the business men on the reform supervisors board and has since been in charge of public buildings and grounds, in which department there was found to be the greatest leakage. But under his able management much has been accomplished in effecting a needed reform. For the past five years he has also served as president of the Danville Commercial Club and probably no man in Danville has done more to promote the commercial and business interests of the city than he. Since attaining his majority he has affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, his father having been a very prominent and active Mason. He joined Fairmount Lodge, No. 590, A. F. & A. M., and now holds membership in Olive Branch Lodge at Danville, of which he is past master, and he has attained the Thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, having for the past five years been district deputy of the Twenty-seventh Masonic district and was on September 22, 1910, elected to receive the Thirty-third degree.

GEORGE L. WILLIAMSON, M. D.

Dr. George L. Williamson, a prominent and successful physician and surgeon of Danville, has built up an extensive and remunerative practice during the six years of his residence here. His birth occurred in Richmond, Virginia, on the 22d of October, 1863, his parents being James Edward and Samantha (Perkinson) Williamson, both of whom were natives of Petersburg, Virginia, the former born in 1833 and the latter in 1836. The father was a Presbyterian minister and preached in Illinois for more than twenty years, erecting many churches throughout the state. His influence proved a potent factor for good in the moral advancement of the communities in which he labored and his consecrated zeal and energy won him the respect and admiration of all who knew him. His demise occurred in 1901.

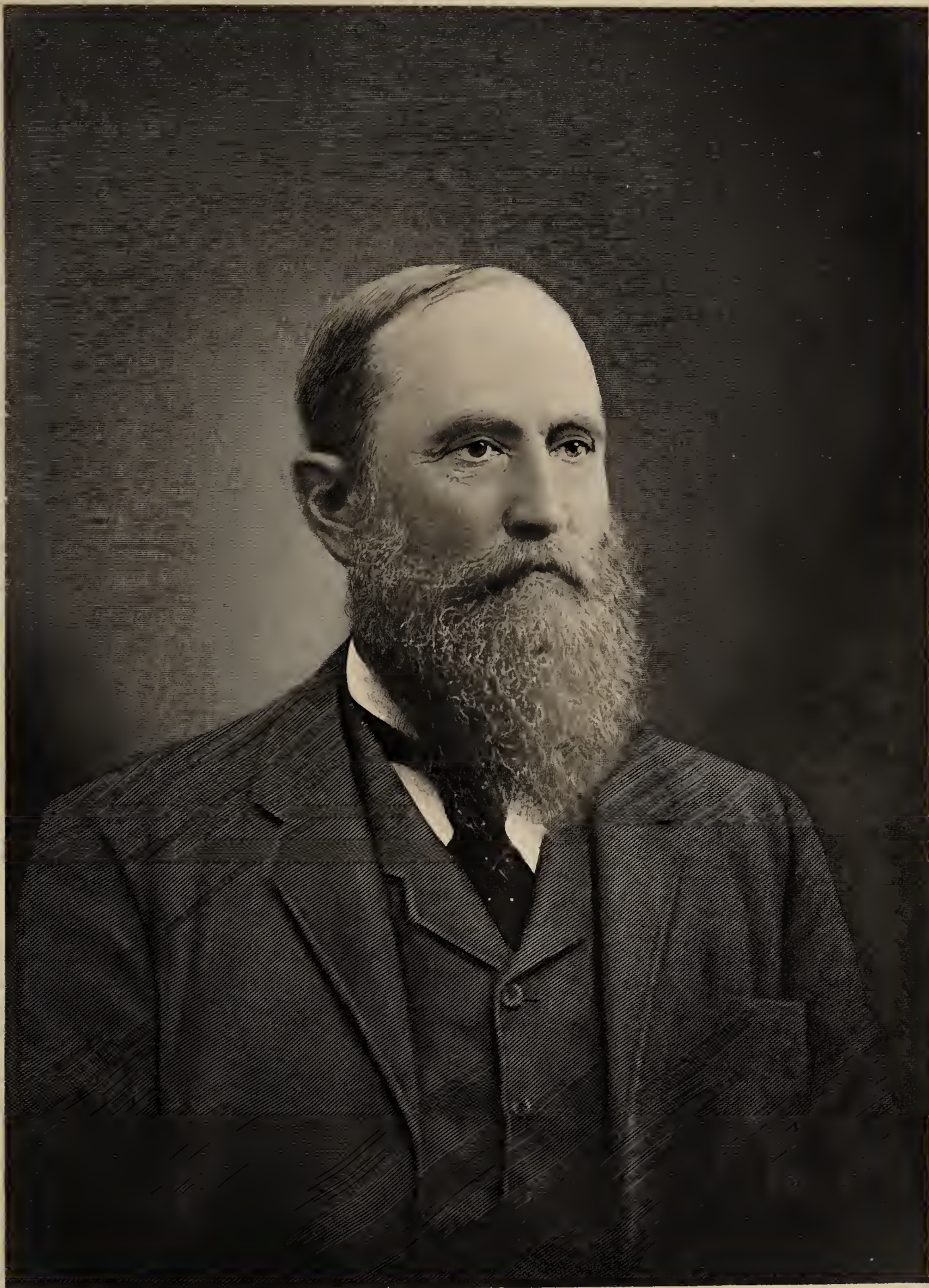
In his youthful years George L. Williamson attended the high school at Clarinda, Illinois, and subsequently entered the Presbyterian College for Young Men at Jacksonville, Illinois. He next took up surveying and thus earned the necessary funds for a professional education, for he had determined to make the practice of medicine his life work. Entering the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, he pursued his studies there during the years 1883 and 1884 and was then engaged in practice until 1890. In that year he again entered the Missouri Medical College and following his graduation from that institution, practiced in St. Louis for twelve months. Homer, Illinois, next became the scene of his professional labors and at that place he remained until 1901, when he went to Europe, spending one year in hospitals at London, Vienna and Paris and devoting his attention to the study of special work and surgery. On his return to the United States he located in Danville, Illinois, where he has remained continuously to the present time, enjoying a lucrative and constantly growing practice. As a member of the County, State and National Medical Societies he keeps in touch with the progress which is being made by the medical fraternity. He is surgeon at the St. Elizabeth and Lakeview Hospitals and also acts in that capacity for the Big Four Railroad.

In 1885 Dr. Williamson was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Moffett, a native of Illinois, by whom he had two children: Paul, who died in 1894 when eight years of age; and Mary Virginia. Fraternally the Doctor is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a Scottish Rite Mason. Both he and his wife are popular in social circles and they possess many sterling characteristics which endear them to all with whom they are associated.

J. W. RALSTON, M. D.

Through active connection with the medical profession for thirty years, and through an extended period in which he was identified with the conduct of mercantile interests in Danville, Dr. J. W. Ralston commanded the unqualified respect of his fellowmen. There are few whose lives are crowned with the honor and respect which was uniformly accorded him in recognition of his unblemished character. With him success in life was reached by his sterling qualities of mind and a heart true to every manly principle. He never deviated from what his judgment indicated to be right and honorable between his fellowmen and himself. He never swerved from the path of duty and at the close of his long eventful life he could look back over the past with pride and with a conscientiousness of having gained for himself, by his honorable, straightforward life, the confidence and good-will of the entire community in which he lived.

He was a native of Murfreesboro, Williamson county, Tennessee. His father, Joseph Ralston, was born in Franklin, Tennessee, on the 23d of February, 1804, and when a year old was taken by his parents to Franklin, Ohio, where he resided until the close of the war of 1812. When he was a lad of



Dr. J. W. Ralston

eleven years and before Indiana was admitted to the Union, he removed to what is now Washington county in that state and there remained for a year. He next became a resident of Parke county, Indiana, in 1816, the family home being established on the Big Raccoon near Bridgetown, where he remained for three years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Rockville, Indiana, and started in clearing off the timber that then covered the site of the public school and also in building some of the first houses erected there. In 1824 he removed to Williamson county, Tennessee, where he was married in 1829, living in that county until 1836, after which he returned with his family to Rockville, Indiana, where he made his home until called to his final rest.

Dr. Ralston was a young lad when he accompanied his parents on their return to Rockville, and upon the home farm there he was reared, early becoming familiar with all of the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He acquired his early education in the schools of that locality, which were conducted upon the subscription plan, each pupil having to pay a percentage of the teacher's salary. He afterward attended school at Greencastle, Indiana, and thus laid the foundation for his professional learning. Determining to make the practice of medicine his life work, his preliminary reading was done under the direction of a physician at Rockville, Indiana, while he subsequently attended the medical school of Cincinnati, Ohio, and in 1855 was graduated from the Rush Medical College of Chicago. The same year he located in Indianola, Illinois, where he practiced continuously for thirty years, enjoying during that period an extensive patronage which indicated his ability and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens. In the early days no night was too dark, no storm so severe that he would remain at home when he received a professional call. He felt that it was his duty to respond where his aid was needed, and through the winter's cold and the summer's heat he made his way upon his daily round of visits, and his cheery presence and encouraging words proved an excellent supplement to the remedial agencies which he administered.

In 1892 Dr. Ralston removed to Danville and became associated with his brother-in-law, George R. Angle, in the grocery business in which he continued up to the time of his death, February 6, 1907. He also became financially interested in several of the leading business enterprises of this city and his sound judgment and discrimination were factors in their successful conduct. He was a man of benevolent spirit and left many bequests to charity in his will.

On the 15th of October, 1856, Dr. Ralston was married in Indianola, to Miss Permilia J. Dixon, and the home relation was a most beautiful one. During his boyhood days Dr. Ralston was converted at a camp-meeting and joined the Methodist church, being ever afterward loyal to its teachings and his life being in entire harmony with his religious professions. He belonged to the medical society of the county and most conscientiously and faithfully performed every duty that devolved upon him in professional connections. His life was actuated in all that he did by the spirit of broad humanitarianism and he ever sought to ameliorate the hard conditions of life for mankind. He became a practical student of the sociological and economic conditions of the country and

wherever possible gave his aid to relieve hardships and to prevent misery. His generous spirit was manifested in his will which included many bequests to charity. His life was thus fraught with good deeds and the world is better for his having lived.

S. H. OAKWOOD.

S. H. Oakwood, a well known real estate dealer of Danville, was born in Vermilion county on the 14th of July, 1849, and is a worthy representative of one of its honored pioneer families. His father, Rev. Michael Oakwood, was a Methodist minister and was born in Brown county, Ohio, in 1823 and during his boyhood came to Vermilion county, Illinois, in company with his father, Henry Oakwood, the family being among the first to settle in this region. At that time the country was wild and unimproved and only a few settlements had been made. They took up their abode upon a tract of land near what is now the village of Oakwood, though there was no town there at that time, simply an Indian camp. Our subject's uncle, Henry Oakwood, Jr., afterward owned the old homestead and added to the farm until he had a large and valuable property. When a village was projected it was named in honor of the family. In connection with his ministerial labors Rev. Michael Oakwood also engaged in farming, owning and operating a good place north of Oakwood, and there he continued to make his home until his death in 1903. He married Miss Nancy Copeland, a native of this county and a daughter of Samuel Copeland, who came here at about the same time as the Oakwood family and was engaged in farming in Blount township. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years, and the mother of our subject passed away in 1852.

During his boyhood S. H. Oakwood attended the public schools near his home and having acquired a good education, he successfully engaged in teaching school in this county for a number of years. He later turned his attention to mercantile business in Danville, to which he devoted his attention for twelve years, and in 1890 became engaged in the real-estate business. He has since handled a large amount of property, buying and selling farm lands, principally confining his operations to Vermilion county. He has disposed of a large amount of property both for himself and other parties and is today the owner of four fine farms in this locality. He has a just comprehension of land values and has so conducted his business as to make it profitable not only to himself but also to his clients.

Mr. Oakwood was married near Georgetown, Illinois, in 1878 to Miss Laura Bennett, a native of Kentucky, whose parents, John and Julia (Baylis) Bennett, came from Mason county, that state, to Illinois and settled near Georgetown, where Mr. Bennett engaged in business as a blacksmith for some time, but afterward turned his attention to farming. He was one of the highly respected men of his community. Mr. and Mrs. Oakwood have one daughter, Belva, now the wife of John Smith of Milford, Illinois.

Mr. Oakwood keeps well posted on the questions and issues of the day and takes an active interest in public affairs, both of local and national importance, but has never cared for official preferment. He served, however, for one term as alderman of the sixth ward. In politics he is an ardent republican and in his social affiliation is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and a Loyal American. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Kimber Methodist Episcopal church and are held in the highest regard by all who know them.

PETER VANDERVORT.

Peter Vandervort, who has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, has won a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings and is now the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and eighty-six acres in Blount township. His birth occurred in Brown county, Ohio, on the 10th of April, 1855, his parents being Peter and Jane (Ditto) Vandervort, who were likewise natives of the Buckeye state. They came to Illinois in 1877, settling in Piatt county, where the father was actively engaged in the operation of a farm of eighty acres until the time of his death in August, 1898. He brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and placed many substantial improvements on the property. His wife was called to her final rest in March, 1905. Their children were nine in number, namely: Alice, John T., Thomas M., Nancy J., Peter, Mary J., William W., and Emma, who is deceased.

Peter Vandervort remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and then started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land for four years. On the expiration of that period he bought a tract of eighty acres in Champaign county and gave his attention to its operation for fifteen years, during which time he had extended the boundaries of the farm by an additional purchase of forty acres. After disposing of the property, he bought his present place of one hundred and eighty-six acres in Blount township, Vermilion county, where he has carried on his agricultural interests continuously since. He has made the farm one of the most highly improved in the locality and annually gathers rich crops which find a ready sale on the market.

On the 25th of October, 1876, Mr. Vandervort was united in marriage to Miss Cynthia S. Miller, who was born on the 3d of April, 1860, her parents being Silas and Cynthia (Hempleman) Miller, natives of Ohio. After the mother's demise, which occurred in Ohio in 1874, the father made his home with our subject until he passed away in 1898. Mrs. Vandervort was one of a family of six children, her brothers and sisters being as follows: Henry C., Joseph C., Harvey H., Mary E. and Lydia. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Vandervort have been born nine children, namely: Alice, whose birth occurred in 1877 and who died the following year; Josephine, the wife of W. G. Smith, of Vermilion county; Minnie, who gave her hand in marriage to Avard Chenoweth, of Vermilion county, and passed away on the 24th of July, 1907; Clarence E., who is

married and lives in this county; Bessie, who is the wife of Evert Wilson and also resides in this county; Etta, the wife of Forest Lanham, of Vermilion county; and Walter E., Frances R. and Harold M., all at home. Minnie, Clarence, Josephine, Bessie and Walter have followed the profession of school teaching.

In politics Mr. Vandervort is a republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to several positions of public trust. He has served as commissioner of highways for nine years, acted as supervisor of Blount township for six years and was a member of the school board for twenty-three years, ever discharging his official duties in a most prompt and capable manner. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and he is one of its trustees. At all times he has been true to the obligations and responsibilities that have devolved upon him in every relation of life and well merits the esteem and good will which are uniformly accorded him.

HON. LOUIS PLATT.

Hon. Louis Platt, now mayor of the city of Danville, is a man to whom success has come as the result of earnest labor, close application and intelligently directed energy. He was born in Posen, Germany, on the 18th of December, 1850, and is a son of Percy and Lena (Jossman) Platt, both of whom spent their entire lives in that country. He was reared and educated in his native town, attending the public schools, but was very small when his parents died and at an early age became dependent upon his own resources for a livelihood. In 1864, at the age of thirteen years, he sailed from Hamburg to New York on the old time steamers, which required from eighteen to twenty days to make the voyage. He was alone on this trip and on reaching the new world was a stranger in a strange land. But, nothing daunted, he at once sought work and accepted any employment by which he could earn an honest living. For several years he roved around the country, picking up the English language and customs, and finally arrived in Detroit, Michigan, in 1868. There he secured a position as traveling salesman for Lieberman & Schloss, wholesale clothiers, with whom he remained for about three years, during which time he was very successful and gained considerable knowledge of the business.

Just after the Chicago fire, in 1871, Mr. Platt went to that city and embarked in the manufacture of cigars on Twenty-second street, but this venture did not prove profitable and in 1874 he sold out. In 1875, having accumulated a small capital, he bought a few cheap fixtures and a small stock of goods, which he shipped to Danville, opening a clothing store at this place. His business steadily grew until he was at the head of a large and profitable enterprise. He erected the building now adjoining the Temple on the north and in connection with Judge Kimbrough built the Daniel building, which he subsequently sold to Mr. Daniel and then erected the Temple, which is today the largest building in the city, modern in all its appointments and a substantial

steel structure. In 1890 Mr. Platt sold his clothing business but six years later reopened a store in the Daniel building, where he continued to carry on business for eleven months. At the end of that time he disposed of his stock and in 1898 embarked in the insurance business, with which he has since been connected. He now represents eighteen fire insurance companies, two liability and glass companies and the Mutual Benefit & Life Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey, and his business has now reached extensive proportions. He writes a large amount of policies each year and occupies offices in the Temple block. Success has attended his well directed efforts until he is now one of the wealthiest and most substantial citizens of Danville. He is serving as secretary of the German Building Association of this city and is also a stockholder in the Tausig Furniture Company of Chicago.

Mr. Platt was married in 1876 to Miss Delia Summerfield of Chicago, by whom he has four children, namely: Percy; Lillian, the wife of Theodore Tausig of Chicago; Walter, who married Kate Epstein; and Casper, who is a graduate of the Danville high school.

Fraternally Mr. Platt is connected with the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is recognized as a forceful, enterprising man, public opinion being united in according him a position as one of the representative citizens of Danville. His activity and alertness have been important elements in his success. In 1909 he was elected mayor of the city on the citizen's ticket by the largest majority any Danville mayor has ever received, carrying every ward and every precinct. This shows something of the popularity of Mr. Platt's personality and his views of making the city a better one, and so far he has carried out his plans to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. As a boy he came to the new world empty-handed and entirely unfamiliar with the English language, but through his industry, enterprise and excellent business judgment he has overcome all the obstacles in his path and now ranks among the men of affluence in Danville, all of which prosperity is justly merited, as his business methods have been honorable and upright. Throughout his business career he has always faithfully executed the terms of a contract and met the obligations devolving upon him. He is an alert, enterprising man, placing a correct value upon life, its opportunities, its obligations and its privileges, and as the years have gone by he has come into a position of prominence.

CHARLES B. SPANG.

There are found many men whose industry has won them success—men who by their perseverance and diligence executed well defined plans which others have made—but the men who take the initiative are comparatively few. The vast majority do not see the opportunity for the coordination of forces and the development of new, extensive and profitable enterprises and therefore must follow along the paths which others have marked out. In Mr. Spang, however, the initiative spirit is strong and utilizing the chances which

have come to him, he has wrought along the line of large and successful undertakings, the commercial and industrial activity of Vermilion county being greatly stimulated by his efforts and activities.

Mr. Spang is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Sharpsburg, Allegheny county, on the 13th of December, 1866. His father, Josiah R. Spang, was also born in Pennsylvania in 1828 and was of German descent. For over twenty years he served as manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, occupying that position until his death, which was the ultimate result of a wound which he had sustained while serving as a soldier of the Civil war, having enlisted in the Seventy-Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. In early manhood he wedded Margaret Bracken, a native of Butler county, Pennsylvania, and of Scotch lineage. She came of an old Scotch-Presbyterian family, her father and grandfather being circuit riders of that denomination. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Spang continued to make their home in Pennsylvania, where the former passed away in 1877, his widow and some of the family subsequently removing from Butler county to Georgetown, Illinois, in 1895. Our subject had located here in 1890, after two years spent at Terre Haute, Indiana.

Having mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools of his native county, Charles B. Spang faced the problem of providing for his own support and made his initial step in the business world as an employe in the Oriental Roller Mills, the Klinger Mills. There he remained until he had learned the business after which he removed from Pennsylvania to Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1888. Two years were there devoted to his trade and in 1890 he came to Georgetown. He entered the employ of J. E. Hayworth, who helped our subject to make a success and who had been engaged in the milling business here from 1880 and in 1890 had established the Star Roller Mills. After two months Mr. Spang purchased a half-interest in the mill and the firm of Hayworth & Spang was formed. They conducted business together until 1900, when Mr. Hayworth sold his interest to C. L. Austin and the firm of Spang & Austin then continued until 1902, when Mr. Spang became sole proprietor. He has operated the only flour mill in this county for the past five years or more. He occupies a conspicuous position in business circles in Vermilion county as a representative of the grain elevator trade, the milling and the lumber interests of the town. He became connected with the mill at a small salary but his ability was soon manifested and, admitted to partnership, he bent his energies to administrative direction and executive control until, after twenty-one years, he has built up a business which is second to none in this line in the southern part of Vermilion county. He is now proprietor of the Star Roller Mills, of a grain elevator with a capacity of one hundred thousand bushels and an extensive lumberyard. The flour which he manufactures finds ready sale and to handle the output he established a wholesale distributing house in Danville, Illinois, for the products of his manufactories. He deals in all kinds of lumber and building materials necessary in the construction of a house from the foundation to the roof, and his trade has now reached mammoth proportions. He is interested in the firm of Spang & Austin, wholesale dealers in flour and feed, in Danville, Illinois,

and is also connected with W. A. McMahon in the real-estate business at Georgetown, who laid out an addition to the city of Georgetown, and thus his labors have been of material assistance in the business development of the county as well as of the city in which he makes his home.

Mr. Spang has been married twice. On the 21st of December, 1890, he wedded Miss Ada Phillips, of Butler, Pennsylvania, and unto them were born two children: Ethel, who is now a student in DePauw University, at Greencastle, Indiana; and Genevieve, who was graduated from the Georgetown high school in the class of 1910 and is now attending the Northwestern University. The wife and mother died July 8, 1895, in this city. Mr. Spang was married on the 21st of October, 1897, to Miss Florence Smith of Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. There is one son by this marriage, Charles, now a pupil in the grammar schools of Georgetown.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Spang hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which they take an active part, being particularly helpful in the work of the Sunday school in which Mr. Spang served as superintendent for a number of years. His influence is always on the side of progress and improvements. He is connected with a number of fraternal organizations in Georgetown. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has been elected to fill a number of local offices.

Mr. Spang belongs to that public-spirited, useful and helpful type of men whose ambitions and desires are centered and directed in those channels through which flow the greatest and most permanent good to the greatest number, and he feels a deep concern for the public welfare and while his chief life work has been that of a remarkably successful business man, the range of his activities and the scope of his influence have reached far beyond this special field. He belongs to that class of man who wield a power which is all the more potent from the fact that it is moral rather than political and is exercised for the public weal rather than for personal needs. His business record also deserves commendation, for in the field of commerce he has displayed rare aptitude and ability in achieving results and has at all times employed methods which will bear close investigation and scrutiny.

W. T. HEDGES.

W. T. Hedges, who has been successfully engaged in the livery business at Catlin since 1905, was born in Mason county, Kentucky, on the 29th of April, 1861, his parents being Marcus N. and Malinda (Riggen) Hedges, likewise natives of that state. They first came to Vermilion county, Illinois, in 1866 but after a few years returned to Kentucky. Subsequently, however, they took up their permanent abode in this county and here the mother passed away in 1879. The father still survives and is a worthy and respected resident Oklahoma. In their family were eight children, five of whom are yet living.

W. T. Hedges acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He then rented

a farm and devoted his time and energies to its operation until 1905. In that year he embarked in the livery business at Catlin and has since conducted an enterprise of this character with good success, having built up a fine trade.

In 1881 Mr. Hedges was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Clifton, whose birth occurred in De Witt county, Illinois, in 1865. Her parents, Andrew Jackson and Jane H. Clifton, both of whom were natives of this state, are now deceased, the father dying April 9, 1895, and the mother in the spring of 1904. Mrs. Hedges was one of a family of five children and by her marriage has also become the mother of five children, namely: Clarence N., Alma M., Lula E. and Sylvester A., all at home; and one who died in infancy.

Politically Mr. Hedges is a staunch populist, but has never sought nor desired office. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Catlin. Both he and his wife belong to the Christian church and take an active and helpful part in its work. The sterling traits of his character are well known to his fellow townsmen, the great majority of whom number him as a friend.

HERBERT LORAIN BAUM.

Herbert Loraine Baum, one of the wealthy young agriculturists of Illinois, living on the family homestead in Sidell township, Vermilion county, and owner of more than fourteen hundred acres of the richest farming land in the state, is the representative of an honored pioneer family, the older members of which have passed to their reward. The family of which the subject of this review is a worthy member was of Polish origin and was founded in America by his great-grandfather on the paternal side, who was banished for political reasons from the land of his nativity in the eighteenth century. He was of good fighting stock and proved his mettle in the Revolutionary war and later on the frontier as a pioneer, his descendants carrying on the good work and finally locating in Vermilion county, where Herbert L. Baum was born September 1, 1881. He is a son of Oliver P. and Helen (McClenathan) Baum, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Being of sturdy parentage, the subject of this sketch has inherited many of the best characteristics of the pioneers and from very early in life he has shown an adaptability to farming pursuits that is the result only of generations of culture along the same line. He was reared under the sheltering care of a happy home, provided with all the comforts and conveniences of life, and received his education in the common schools and at the Gem City College of Quincy, Illinois. Upon laying aside his books he returned home to become permanently identified with the farm, his father having reached an age when it was necessary for him to turn over his business affairs to a younger person, and from that time our subject became the responsible manager of extensive landed interests and also of a large cattle industry, which his father had built up. On the death of the father, December 29, 1909, Herbert L. Baum became the owner of fourteen hundred and fifty acres of valuable land, all of which is



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in Vermilion county with the exception of two hundred and fifty-two acres which lie in Edgar county. At the present time Mr. Baum is renting the major portion of his real estate, retaining the home farm of three hundred and sixty acres, which he manages himself and which is one of the most complete farming establishments to be seen in Illinois or any other state of the Union.

He is recognized as an enterprising and progressive young man, entirely competent to take care of his fortune and with ability to cause it to increase from year to year as he may desire. He is an automobile enthusiast and drives a high powered machine, one of the greatest pleasures of his life being a long trip over the roads to the beautiful region with which he has been familiar since his earliest recollection. Mr. Baum still enjoys the freedom of bachelorhood. Socially he is identified with Minoca Lodge, No. 306, Improved Order of Red Men, at Sidell. Politically Mr. Baum adheres to the teachings of the democratic party and, while he has not up to the present time devoted special attention to politics, he has shown the interest of a patriotic citizen in supporting those men for public office whom he considers best able to represent the permanent interests of Vermilion county and the state of Illinois. Mr. Baum has fully demonstrated his knowledge of farming and kindred pursuits where his chief interests is centered and has many friends in this and other counties, who prophesy for him a useful and successful career.

J. R. WILLIAMS, M. D.

Dr. J. R. Williams, an able representative of the medical fraternity, has resided in Danville for the past five years and enjoys a large and lucrative office practice. His birth occurred in Lancaster, Jefferson county, Indiana, on the 28th of August, 1858, his parents being Benjamin B. and Esther J. Williams. He traces his ancestry back to Roger Williams, the first Baptist in America. The great-grandfather of our subject fought in the Revolutionary war and after the cessation of hostilities settled in Culpeper county, Virginia, where occurred the birth of his son, Robert Williams. The latter was always an ardent Baptist and took up his abode in Jefferson county, Kentucky, after leaving the Old Dominion. The maternal grandfather of Dr. Williams was born near Oyster Bay, New York, and came of French Huguenot stock. His father and Tom Paine were neighbors. He removed to Rising Sun, Indiana, at an early day and was a convert of Alexander Campbell, by whom he was baptized in the Ohio river.

Dr. J. R. Williams received his more specifically literary education in the common schools, the State Normal School at Terre Haute, Indiana, Franklin College of Franklin, Indiana, and the Indiana State University of Bloomington, Indiana. Having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he entered the Medical College of Indiana, which institution conferred upon him the degree of M. D. on the 26th of February, 1885. Prior to that time he had been identified with the educational interests of his native state, teaching school for five years. For the first ten years of his professional life he

was engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery, but during the past fifteen years he has followed a special line of work, devoting his attention exclusively to office practice.

The city of Danville has been the scene of his professional labors for the past five years and here he has built up an enviable and remunerative practice, having demonstrated his skill and ability in the line of his chosen vocation. The prosperity which he now enjoys is directly attributable to his own efforts and in the battle of life he has seen "both sides of the shield." At the age of sixteen years he started out to obtain an education and made his own way through the various institutions of learning by teaching and as a traveling representative of the McCormick Company, selling binders and mowers. He also made quite a little money as an expert adjuster of binders. In these connections he traveled through Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Manitoba. He has come in contact with all classes of people and has learned the lessons of life in the school of experience. Self-reliance, an indomitable will and a "get there" spirit are his salient characteristics and are ingrained into his fibre and make-up.

On the 10th of October, 1890, at Indianapolis, Indiana, Dr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Juliaetta H. Myers, a daughter of Mrs. Mattie L. Huffer, of Shelbyville, Illinois. Her father, C. B. Myers, practiced dentistry at Hillsboro, Illinois, from 1858 until 1868. Dr. and Mrs. Williams are the parents of four children, as follows: Burke H. Barnett and Clay H. Barnett, who are engaged in business at the Union Stock Yards in Chicago; Blanche, the wife of R. A. Campbell, general manager of the Fowler Manufacturing Company of Chicago; and Ruth, at home.

When twenty-two years of age Dr. Williams joined the Masonic fraternity and he has since passed through all the grades from the blue lodge to the thirty-second degree, being a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He and his family are members of the First Church of Christ at Danville, in the work of which they take a deep and helpful interest. Loyal in friendship, devoted to the ties of home and family and maintaining a high standard of conduct in all the relations of life, Dr. Williams is well worthy the esteem in which he is uniformly held.

W. J. PARRETT.

W. J. Parrett, the well known business manager of the Commercial News of Danville, has throughout his entire business career been identified with newspaper interests. A native of Illinois, he was born in Ottawa in 1873 and is a son of John and Emily Parrett. He is indebted to the public schools of his native city for the educational privileges he enjoyed and after leaving the high school turned his attention to newspaper work, at the age of seventeen, and learned the printer's trade. For a time he was employed as reporter on the Des Moines (Iowa) Daily News and was next business manager of the La Crosse (Wis.) Republican-Leader and on his return to Ottawa be-

came business manager of the Ottawa Journal. He next held a similar position with the Aurora (Ill.) News and on leaving that city came to Danville about twelve years ago and has since been engaged with the Commercial News. He is part owner and is now serving as business manager, much of the success of the enterprise being due to his well directed efforts. In business affairs he has steadily prospered and is today the owner of several pieces of property in Danville and a farm in northern Illinois and also one in Florida.

Mr. Parrett was married in Danville in 1904 to Miss Margaret Conner, a daughter of John Conner. He is well known in business and social circles and is regarded as one of the leading newspaper men in this section of the state. His genial manner, unfailing courtesy and deference for the opinions of others have made him prominent and have gained for him the high place which he holds in Danville.

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F. M. HORNOR.

F. M. Hornor, owning and operating a fine farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres in Blount township, has won a gratifying measure of prosperity through the careful conduct of his agricultural interests. His birth occurred in Blount township, Vermilion county, Illinois, on the 13th of December, 1851, his parents being James and Leann (Wiles) Hornor, who were natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. Both came to Illinois at an early day and took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Blount township, this county. The father worked in a flour mill prior to his marriage, which was celebrated in 1845. Following that important event in his life he purchased and settled on a farm of about one hundred and twenty acres, in the operation of which he was actively engaged until called to his final rest. At that time he owned two hundred acres of rich and productive land, having added a tract of forty acres to his original purchase. When he passed away on the 18th of December, 1871, the community mourned the loss of one of its most respected and substantial pioneer residents. His widow remained on the old homestead until she, too, was called to the home beyond, her demise occurring on the 24th of October, 1907. She had become the mother of five children, namely: Luke and Hannah, both of whom are deceased; John; F. M., of this review; and Martha.

F. M. Hornor was reared under the parental roof and remained at home until he was married at the age of thirty-eight years. He then began farming on some land which he had purchased in association with his brother a short time prior to his marriage, cultivating the same for several years, when they divided the property. Our subject subsequently bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Blount township and has resided thereon continuously since, having brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and improvement. He has thoroughly drained the land and thus greatly enhanced its productiveness. The place is lacking in none of the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the twentieth century and in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

On the 27th of February, 1889, Mr. Hornor was united in marriage to Miss Ruth A. Claypool, a daughter of David and Nancy (Delay) Claypool, who were natives of Kentucky and Illinois, respectively. At the time of the outbreak of the Civil war David Claypool enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company B, Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which command he participated in many hotly contested engagements. At the battle of Chickamauga he was wounded and taken prisoner and for seventeen months and seven days was incarcerated in the Andersonville, Libby and Florence prisons. On being released he was honorably discharged and a few months after his return home wedded Miss Nancy Delay, a native of Illinois. He was engaged in the cultivation of rented land for many years but eventually purchased a tract of fifty-six acres, operating the same until the time of his retirement in 1903. His remaining days were spent in Bismarck, where he passed away on the 25th of September, 1903. The demise of his wife occurred on the 12th of November, 1896. Their children were seven in number, namely: Mary B., Mrs. Hornor, William F., Sarah E., Emma A., who died on the 18th of May, 1906; and two who died in infancy.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hornor have been born six children, as follows: Jessie C., whose natal day was June 16, 1890, and who has received a business college education; Flora B., whose birth occurred March 21, 1893, and who has already displayed considerable talent in music; Fanny, who was born November 26, 1894, and passed away on the 9th of August, 1896; Harry H., who first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 19th of March, 1897; one who died in infancy; and James D., whose birth occurred October 28, 1899.

In politics Mr. Hornor is a republican but the honors and emoluments of office have never had any attraction for him. Both he and his wife belong to the Christian church and take a deep and helpful interest in its work. A man of high worth and sterling integrity, he is widely respected and honored in the community where his entire life has been spent.

THEO REAGAN, M. D.

Dr. Theo Reagan, a general medical practitioner of Danville, has followed his profession in this city for the past five years and has been accorded a liberal patronage in recognition of his skill and ability. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 13th of August, 1865, his parents being E. M. and Lucinda (Hardesty) Reagan, who were natives of Indiana and Ohio respectively. The father, who was an educator in the Hoosier state for a half century, passed away in 1908 when seventy-seven years of age. His wife was called to her final rest in 1901 at the age of seventy-one years.

Dr. Theo Reagan obtained his more specifically literary education in the public schools of his native state and in 1890 took up the study of medicine, being graduated from Rush Medical College in 1893. The same year he located for practice at State Line, Indiana, which town remained the scene of his professional labors until 1905, when he came to Danville. Since the open-

ing of the Adams building in 1906 he has maintained his offices in that structure. He belongs to the Vermilion County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. Research, investigation and experience are constantly broadening his knowledge and promoting his efficiency as a practitioner and public endorsement is given him in an extensive patronage.

In 1891, at Frankfort, Indiana, Dr. Reagan was united in marriage to Miss Ella Allen, a native of that state. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Mound Lodge at State Line, Indiana, and the Lodge of Perfection in Danville. He is likewise a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Dr. Reagan is appreciative of the social amenities of life and his genial qualities have won him many friends but his attention is preeminently given to his professional duties.

PLEASANT WEST.

Pleasant West, who has lived retired in Georgetown for the past fifteen years, was long prominently and successfully identified with the business interests of Vermilion county. His birth occurred in Georgetown on the 10th of March, 1844, his parents being Owen and Lorener (Douglass) West. The father was born near Hillsboro, Ohio, while the mother was a native of the state of Indiana. Their marriage was celebrated at Georgetown in 1837, Owen West having come to this place seven years before. He devoted his attention to the cultivation and improvement of a tract of two hundred and forty acres of land on the present site of Georgetown and successfully carried on his agricultural interests until called to his final rest on the 7th of August, 1855. He held the office of county surveyor for sixteen years and was widely recognized as a substantial and respected citizen. His wife passed away on December 28, 1864.

Pleasant West obtained his early education in the Georgetown grammar school and after returning from the Civil war continued his studies in the Danville high school under Professor Spillman. In September, 1861, in response to the first call of President Lincoln for three hundred thousand soldiers to serve for three years, he joined Company A, Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in at Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri. After one year's service as a private he was promoted to the rank of corporal, but on account of injuries which he received, the third year of his enlistment was largely spent in hospitals. He participated in the battles of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, Stone River, Tennessee, the siege of Corinth, Mississippi, and numerous other engagements. At the battle of Chickamauga, 19th of September, 1863, he was wounded, sustaining such a serious injury that he was placed first in a Nashville hospital and subsequently in the Jeffersonville hospital. Later, at his request, he was sent to the Quincy, Illinois, hospital and in 1864 was honorably discharged at Springfield. He has never fully recovered from his wound, however, and it was on account of impaired health that he eventually retired from business.

His marriage took place November 8, 1866, after he had completed his education, and for two years thereafter he gave his attention to the operation of the home farm. The land which his father bought for as low a price as thirteen dollars an acre brought from two hundred to two hundred and twenty-five dollars an acre when disposed of later, while the property that had been improved was sold for two hundred and fifty dollars per acre. In 1868 Mr. West of this review traded a portion of his land for a stock of hardware and tinware, and conducted an enterprise of that character in association with his father-in-law, Jacob Yapp, until 1883. In that year they sold out and embarked in business as dealers in lumber and building material, there being an increased demand for those commodities. Mr. West was thus connected with commercial interests for twelve years or until 1895, when he sold out and since that time has lived practically retired.

On the 8th of November, 1866, Mr. West was united in marriage to Miss Helen A. Yapp, a daughter of Jacob Yapp, one of the oldest settlers in Vermilion county. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride in Georgetown. Unto Mr. and Mrs. West were born two children, a son and daughter. Derelle W., whose natal day was August 7, 1867, is the wife of Charles Porter Johnson, a native of Vermilion county and now a practicing lawyer of St. Louis, Missouri. Roy O. West, whose birth occurred October 27, 1868, is a prominent member of the legal fraternity in Chicago. He has been city attorney of Chicago, is now assistant state's attorney and for about nine years has been a member of the Board of Reviews of Cook county.

In politics Mr. West is a republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him into several positions of public trust. He capably served as school treasurer for six or eight years, also acted as township clerk and for several years was a school director. He likewise served as a notary public. Fraternally he is a charter member of Nyger Post, G. A. R., of Georgetown. In the community where his entire life has been spent he is well known and highly esteemed as a prominent and representative citizen, and it is therefore with pleasure that we present this record of his career to our readers.

HENRY R. SPICER.

Henry R. Spicer, who since 1898 has lived practically retired in Georgetown, is one of Vermilion county's well known and representative citizens. His birth occurred one mile southwest of Georgetown on the 22d of December, 1858, his parents being A. F. and Eliza (Martin) Spicer. Rawser Spicer, the paternal grandfather, was an officer in the war of 1812 and came originally from Kentucky. Our subject still has the sword which his grandfather used in that conflict.

A. F. Spicer, the father of H. R. Spicer, was born near Louisville, Kentucky, and came to Georgetown, Illinois, at the age of eleven years. This county was his place of residence throughout the remainder of his life and he

devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits during his active business career, becoming widely recognized as a prosperous and esteemed citizen. At the time of his death his farm was divided among his children. He had a family of four sons and two daughters, and lived to attain the ripe old age of eighty-four years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Eliza Martin, was the second girl baby born in Vermilion county, her birth occurring on a farm near Georgetown. At that time the Indians were still numerous in this district and frequently visited the little white baby. Wild animals also were plentiful and on more than one occasion the mother of Mrs. Spicer drove wolves away from the house with the aid of her dogs.

In his youthful years Henry R. Spicer attended the district schools near Georgetown and subsequently worked on the home farm with his father until he had attained his majority. When twenty-one years of age he went to Colorado and there resided for three years, on the expiration of which period he removed to California, living in the latter state for seven years. He next spent three years in Washington as a miner and carpenter. On returning to Georgetown in 1894 he took up general agricultural pursuits and was busily engaged in the work of the fields until 1898. Since that time he has lived retired save for the supervision which he gives to his real-estate interests.

On the 13th of May, 1895, at Kenosha, Wisconsin, Mr. Spicer was united in marriage to Miss Kate Graves, of Georgetown. Unto them were born three children, one of whom has passed away.

Politically Mr. Spicer is a staunch advocate of the republican party and for about four years he served as town councilman, being elected three times. He is a third degree Mason and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a worthy exemplar of those orders. He is a deacon of the Christian church and his wife is likewise a devoted member thereof. They are highly esteemed throughout the community in which they reside, having ever displayed those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime awaken confidence and regard.

F. A. BAUMGART, M. D.

Dr. F. A. Baumgart, who in the six years of his connection with the medical profession of Danville has made steady and creditable progress, establishing himself in an enviable position in the regard of the public by reason of his personal worth as well as his skill and ability in his chosen calling, was born January 27, 1874, in the city which is still his home. His father, Tillmann Baumgart, was a native of Germany and, coming to America, resided in Lafayette, Indiana, during the period of the Civil war. He removed to Danville in the late '60s and began merchandising here. He was thus identified with business interests in the city for a considerable period but is now living retired, enjoying rest which he has surely earned and richly deserves. He married Philipina Theurer, also a native of Germany, and they became parents of nine children, eight of whom were born in Danville.

Dr. Baumgart began his education in the parochial schools of this city and afterward attended the high school, from which he was in due time graduated. He entered business life in connection with the drug trade and for eleven years was associated with Louis F. Steube. He then took up the study of medicine and was graduated from the College of Physicians & Surgeons in Chicago with the class of 1904. He had already become widely known in his native city through his business connection and was not long in establishing himself in the public regard as a medical practitioner. During the six years in which he has engaged in practice he has made rapid progress and he keeps in close touch with the onward march of the profession through his membership in the county, state and national medical societies and the Aesculapian Society of the Wabash Valley. He reads broadly and thinks deeply, and the results of his investigation and research are seen in the excellent service which he renders his patrons.

In 1905 Dr. Baumgart was united in marriage to Miss Anna Hoehen, a native of Nebraska, and to them has been born a daughter, Frances Louise, whose natal day was June 15, 1908. The Doctor is well known in military circles as a member of the Illinois National Guard, which he joined on the 4th of January, 1894, as a private of Battery A. He served as second lieutenant of the battery in 1898, during the Spanish American war, and in 1905 was elected captain of Company I of the Fifth Infantry. In November, 1909, he was elected major of the Fifth Infantry and has thus been promoted from grade to grade during his connection with the military organization of the state. His long residence in Danville has brought him a wide acquaintance and his sterling personal qualities have gained him popularity and high regard. His skill and ability is winning for him success, and he has reason to feel that his lines have been cast in pleasant places. A laudable ambition, however, will prompt him to put forth further effort, and undoubtedly his entire life will be marked by continuous progress.

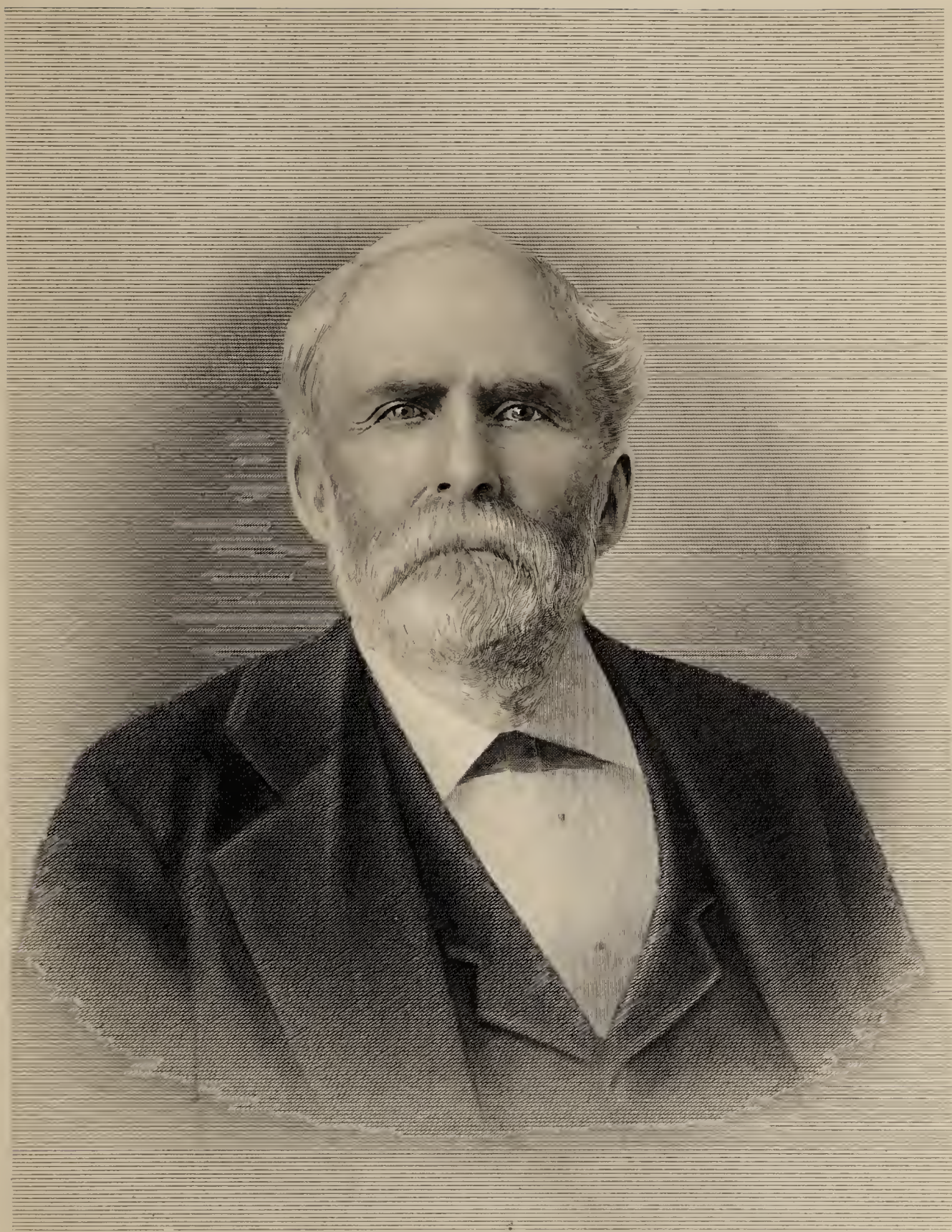
JOHN W. GOODWINE.

John W. Goodwine, now deceased, will be remembered as one of the leading farmers of Vermilion county who, starting in life without capital or personal influence, won his way without assistance from others to a position as one of the prominent landowners of the county. He was a man of great determination, clear perception and a good judge of human nature, possessing also the rare faculty of determining values almost instinctively. In him the constructive faculties were largely developed and as a business manager it is doubtful whether he has had his superior in Vermilion county. Such men do not need capital as a necessity in starting their career, for they possess within them the power to attract anything they may desire. They are the geniuses of the business world, the natural leaders, and it would be difficult to imagine any condition from which they would not rise.

Mr. Goodwine was born in Bartholomew, Indiana, and early in his career came to Vermilion county, locating in Blount township and later in Pilot town-



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ship. After many years of successful identification with farming interests, he retired to Potomac in 1899 and on July 29, 1908, was called from earthly cares. During his active career he accumulated in Blount and Pilot townships six thousand eight hundred acres of land and became widely known as one of the most successful farmers in this section of the state.

In 1845 Mr. Goodwine was united in marriage to Miss Jane Charlton, and five children were born of the union: Marion, who was born August 26, 1846, and is now living upon a farm in Middlefork township; John, who was born December 21, 1848, and is a farmer of this county and a bank president; James, who was born May 19, 1851, and is a farmer of La Crede, Missouri; Mary Jane, whose was born December 17, 1853, and died January 30, 1892; Fremont, who was born December 16, 1858, and died December 1, 1862. On July 26, 1871, Mrs. Goodwine departed this life and on the 23d of July, 1872, Mr. Goodwine again married, the lady of his choice being Mrs. Arminda (Sperry) Dare, a native of Blount township, born December 24, 1842. She is a daughter of Erastus and Ruth (Reese) Sperry, the former of whom was a native of Ohio and came to Vermilion county with his parents, who settled in Blount township. Mr. Sperry was a man of fine intellectual faculties and unusual promise, but he was called from his family and friends at the early age of thirty-two years, May 14, 1852. Mrs. Sperry was a native of Indiana and was married to Miss Sperry in 1840. She was the mother of five children, three of whom are now living: Wallace, a merchant of Muncie, Illinois; Arminda, now Mrs. Goodwine; and Amanda, the wife of Samuel B. Deamude, of Potomac, this county, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. In his wife Mr. Goodwine found a worthy helpmate who at all times has proven a blessing to the household and in an important degree, by her counsel and wise management, has forwarded the best interests of the family.

Mrs. Arminda Goodwine was first married in 1859 to Henry Dare, who was a native of England and came to this country with his parents when he was seven years of age. He was reared near Chicago and learned the trade of wagon-making, but at the time of the Civil war enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served as regimental wagon-master. He came home at the close of the war and died in 1867 from disease contracted in the service of his country. As a result of the second marriage of Mrs. Goodwine four children were born: Martha, born September 6, 1873, now the wife of Edward Juvenall, of Vermilion county; Helen, born October 16, 1874, the wife of Demarcus Juvenall, of Potomac; Dora, who was born March 3, 1877, and died December 12, 1898; Grant W., who was born August 7, 1879, and is now living in Potomac. Mrs. Goodwine and her son Grant are together the owners of nine hundred acres of land in this county, upon which is one of the finest country residences in this region. She has for many years been recognized as a leader in the community and is a woman of unusual intelligence and public-spirit. She has a host of warm friends in the county where she has spent her life and where she has always willingly contributed toward every cause that had for its object the permanent welfare of the community.

Mr. Goodwine was a man of broad views and a firm believer in the final salvation of the entire human race, hence he was a prominent member of the Universalist church, accepting its principles of brotherhood as one of the fundamental beliefs of his life and upon these principles were his actions founded. He was a republican in politics, believing the platform of that party more nearly in accord with the principles of popular government than those of any other party. Mr. Goodwine was greatly respected by his friends and associates and being a man who never betrayed a trust, he expected others to adhere conscientiously to their obligations. He was one of the pioneer farmers of Vermilion county, but he could see farther than most of his associates and his wider grasp of business affairs and greater mental endowments gave him advantages which the ordinary man does not possess. Had he been born in the latter half of the nineteenth century, he would have been known as one of the great captains of industry. Having been born earlier, he became a farmer, the like of which is not often seen in this or any other country. He always had great faith in himself and it has often been pointed out that the difference between men is faith in themselves. This is constantly being exemplified and is the universal lesson of biography. The leaders in every department are self-reliant men and fear not to make a decision and to stick to it. Self-confidence is half the battle; the other half is cool judgment and good staying qualities. This combination marks the successful man and to this class belongs John W. Goodwine.

WILLIAM L. RUNYAN.

Of that class of citizens upon which Danville's security is founded is William L. Runyan, who for the past ten years has been successfully engaged in the real-estate and insurance business here. A native of southern Indiana, he was born at Charlestown, September 26, 1854, and on the paternal side is of English and Irish descent, while his maternal ancestors were of German origin. The family has ever been a patriotic and loyal one and he had three uncles who fought for the preservation of the Union during the Civil war.

His father, James C. Runyan, was born at Steubenville, Ohio, but during his boyhood removed to Indiana with his father Isaac Runyan. Both were mechanics by occupation and the former was married in the Hoosier state to Miss Harriet Coons, a native of Indiana, and there he continued to reside throughout the remainder of his life. In their family were ten children, of whom our subject is the eldest, and all are still living except Edgar, who was accidentally shot in June, 1909. The youngest is now thirty-five years of age. Besides William L., his brother, D. H. Runyan, also lives in Danville.

The educational advantages of William L. Runyan were very meager, but he attended the country schools of Indiana to a limited extent. At an early age, however, he commenced work and has since provided for his own support, thus leaving him little time to attend school. However, he devoted much of his leisure time to study, his evenings and Sundays being spent in this way, and he became very proficient in bookkeeping. Throughout life he has ever been

a student and a close observer of men and events, so that today he is one of the best posted men of the community. At the age of thirteen years he went to Douglas county, Illinois, where he worked on a farm for four years. He was next employed as clerk and bookkeeper in a general store at Oakland, Illinois, and in 1881 came to Danville, accepting a position as bookkeeper in the office of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad. He was next employed as secretary and paymaster of the Kellyville Coal Company for five years and at the end of that time was appointed special examiner for the Illinois insurance department under Governor Tanner, holding that responsible position for four years. For the past ten years, however, he has been engaged in the real-estate business in Danville and has also represented, fire, accident and life insurance companies. Success has attended his efforts along this line and he has written a large amount of insurance of all kinds.

On the 2d of December, 1875, at Hindsboro, Illinois, Mr. Runyan was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Sears, also a native of Indiana, who during her childhood accompanied her parents, Enoch and Margaret Sears, on their removal to this state. This union has been blessed by two children, namely: Charles F., now an attorney of Muskogee, Oklahoma; and Daisy, now the wife of J. E. Leaverton, an attorney of Grand Junction, Colorado.

Mr. Runyan affiliates with several fraternal organizations, including the Knights of Pythias, and has taken a very active and influential part in public affairs. Although never an office-seeker, he has been called upon to fill several prominent positions and on the republican ticket was elected alderman, serving as a member of the city council in 1890 and 1891. In 1896 he was chosen mayor of Danville and never were the reins of city government in more capable hands. During the two years that he filled that office the city building was erected without the issuing of bonds and he succeeded in having many useful and valuable improvements made that have materially promoted the interests of the city. He is a man of more than ordinary ability and the position he occupies in business, political and social circles is due entirely to his own unaided efforts, for he started out in life for himself at an early age and has since been dependent entirely upon his own resources for advancement.

R. C. PARKS.

R. C. Parks, a wide-awake and energetic young business man of Danville, was born in this city on the 25th of September, 1876. His father, Thomas S. Parks, is a native of Marysville, Ohio, his birth occurring August 24, 1845. It was in 1870 that he came to Danville and became identified with its business interests as cashier of the Second National Bank, in which capacity he served of a number of years. In 1888, however, he removed to Washington, D. C., where he was connected with the treasury department for some years and later with the war department. He was married in Danville, May 5, 1875, to Miss Clara Carnahan, a native of Indiana, who came to this city during her girlhood with her parents, her father being General R. H. Carnahan, who held

the rank of brigadier general during the Civil war. There were two children born of this union: R. C., of this review; and Margaretta.

R. C. Parks began his education in the public schools of Danville and after the removal of the family to Washington, D. C., attended the high school there. In 1893 he returned to Danville and entered the employ of the Ike Stern Clothing Company, remaining with that concern for ten years. He was next connected with W. M. Bridgett in the loan business and since 1909 has been engaged in the same line on his own account, dealing in farm mortgages and securities, and in connection with J. G. Supple is operating the South Oakwood Coal Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer. He also operates the Illinois Cigar Stores Company and is regarded as one of the most progressive, industrious and energetic young business men of the city. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has given stalwart support to the republican party. Social and genial by nature, he is very popular both in business and social circles.

HERMAS COOK.

Hermas Cook, whose demise occurred in Georgetown on the 9th of February, 1910, spent his entire life at that place and was widely recognized as a most substantial and respected citizen. He took a prominent part in public affairs and was serving as justice of the peace at the time of his death, having held that office for about twelve years. His birth occurred on the 21st of April, 1860, his father being Thomas E. Cook, one of the oldest settlers of Vermilion county and now a resident of Georgetown.

On the 31st of August, 1882, at Georgetown, Mr. Cook was united in marriage to Miss Louisa J. Haworth, who was born at that place on the 6th of November, 1860, her parents being Benjamin and Rebecca A. (Cotton) Haworth, natives of Wayne county, Indiana. The father's natal day was April 11, 1828, while the mother's birth occurred on the 30th of September, 1830. Their marriage took place at Centerville, Indiana, on the 25th of December, 1849. In 1850 Benjamin Haworth came to Georgetown, Illinois, and here carried on farming and stock-raising continuously and successfully until February, 1910, since which time he has lived retired in Indiana.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cook were born six children, the record of whom is as follows: Horace O., whose natal day was June 4, 1884, is now employed in the Cook implement and harness store at Georgetown. He married Emily A. Butler and has one child, Wright B. He succeeded his father to the office of justice of the peace and also acts as city clerk and notary public. Herbert T., who was born December 15, 1886, is now a veterinary surgeon of Macon, Illinois. Russell B., whose birth occurred October 31, 1889, follows the profession of school teaching. Ruth E., born July 18, 1892, is a graduate of the Georgetown high school. Rachel G., who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 21st of October, 1894, is a student of the Georgetown high school, Rhoda P., who was born October 31, 1898, attends the Georgetown grammar

school. The different members of the family all belong to the Friends church at Georgetown.

For thirty years Mr. Cook was engaged in the harness and implement business at Georgetown. In his political views he was a republican and for about twelve years he capably served as justice of the peace, holding that office at the time of his death. He also served as a member of the board of education in Georgetown for six or seven years. His upright and honorable life won him the respect and esteem of those with whom he came in contact and his demise was sincerely mourned by all who knew him.

COLONEL MARTIN J. BARGER.

The name of Colonel Martin J. Barger is well known as that of one who has figured prominently in public affairs and is now governor of the Soldiers Home at Danville. A native of Vermilion county, he was born in Newell township on the 11th of February, 1846, his parents being William J. and Elizabeth (Rudy) Barger. The father died when he was quite young and his mother subsequently remarried, after which he left home and apprenticed himself to the shoemaker's trade which he learned.

Although only sixteen years of age it was his desire to enter the service soon after the opening of the Civil war, but he was quite small and delicate, of girlish appearance. At that time the physique of a volunteer was closely scrutinized as the supply of men was greater than the demand. But he resolved to enter the service if possible and applied to Captain Thomas McKibben, who was then recruiting Company B of the Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry at Danville. The captain, however, laughed him to scorn and told him that he did not want boys but men to fight, at the same time pointing to some stalwart specimens who were standing by. This, however, did not affect Mr. Barger's military ardor and in the early spring of 1862, when some of the Davison and Myers boys of the same regiment were home on a furlough, he determined to enter the service if possible. When his friends again started to the front he went with them and on reaching Danville applied to be mustered into the service in the hope of saving transportation expenses. Failing in this, he went to Springfield, but was again rejected. He then proceeded with his companions to St. Louis but there met the same fate and also at Rolla, Missouri. This point was the end of railroad travel, but a squad of convalescents were forming there to move forward to join their commands and Mr. Barger stated his case to the commanding officer, requesting permission to join them and to be furnished rations. When they reached Springfield, Missouri, he renewed his effort with the same result but continued with the squad to Forsythe, Missouri, where he joined the Twenty-fifth Illinois Regiment. He was dressed in civilian's clothing and before he found the command he was arrested and taken before Siegel's provost marshal but on explaining himself was released. He next made application to Captain Wall of Company B but was told that it was no use as he would die in a few days. By this time he

hardly knew what to do but finally decided to follow the army and be a soldier, if for nothing else than to triumph over all opposers. He was furnished arms, equipment and an outfit of clothing. About a week later the army started for Batesville, Arkansas, and the first day he kept up with his regiment but the second day did not get into camp with his command and on the third day did not arrive until late at night, while the fourth day he entirely lost sight of the army. Having some money, he purchased his meals along the route, camping out at night and moving forward every day. Wayworn, weary and almost fainting from fatigue, at length he came into camp at Batesville about an hour after the command had arrived, not having been seen for nearly a week, and was supposed to have been either captured or dead. The cheers of the boys arose to greet him and signalize his triumph. After that he kept abreast of the best among them. The army next moved to Cape Girardeau where, after a time, it was paid off and the captain asked him if he wanted pay. "If you think I will make a soldier," was the answer. "Oh, you'll do," replied the captain. Taking the cash and having signed the pay roll, he was legally a soldier, his hopes were realized and his triumph complete. Old soldiers know the meaning of "sand" and "grit" but few have seen a better exhibition of it. He was in Mississippi during the summer of 1862 and marched to Louisville under General Buell and was present at the battle of Perryville but did not engage. However, he took part in the battles of Stone River and Chickamauga, being wounded and taken prisoner at the latter place. At the end of ten days, however, he was released on parole and was not in active service until the following summer while on the Atlanta campaign. He remained with his regiment until exchanged but not doing duty. He fought his last battle at Jonesboro and was present at the subsequent battles of Franklin and Nashville. The term of service of his regiment having expired, the recruits were mustered out with the rest at General Stanley's headquarters and he was discharged in March, 1865. His wounds had incapacitated him for hard labor.

Returning to Illinois, Colonel Barger has since devoted much of his time to agricultural pursuits. He was married on the 19th of April, 1868, to Miss Mary A. Steward, who died August 16, 1870, leaving one son, Walter L. R., and on the 25th of September, 1873, the Colonel was united in marriage with Miss Margaret W. Richie, who passed away March 30, 1881. The children born of this union were: Anna M., Samuel B. and John W. For his third wife Colonel Barger married Miss Laura Belle Leonard of Blount township, Vermilion county, and of this union one daughter was born, Helen B., who is now a student in the University of Chicago, class of 1911. His son Walter is engaged in the insurance business, while Samuel is now a furniture manufacturer in Murphy, North Carolina; John is engaged in the furniture business in Danville; and Anna M. is the wife of Robert Martin, an expert accountant, residing in Chicago.

Colonel Barger is a practical and successful farmer and is today the owner of three fine farms in southern Illinois, which he has developed from the forest. In politics he is an uncompromising republican and has always taken a very prominent and influential part in public affairs. In 1888 he was elected

circuit clerk and recorder of Vermilion county and so acceptably did he fill that office that he was reelected for four successive terms of four years each. In 1901, however, he resigned that position to accept the appointment of treasurer of the Soldiers Home in Danville. In July, 1909, he was made governor of that institution and never have its affairs been more capably managed, for he is a man of good business and executive ability, energetic and progressive, and takes an active interest in his old army comrades. The present membership of the home is three thousand and sixty-six, including those absent on furloughs, etc. The officers of the institution are: Martin J. Barger, governor; Walter L. Kelley, treasurer; D. C. Jones, surgeon; E. W. Eldridge, quartermaster; John W. Newlon, commissary of subsistence; T. A. Parker, Protestant chaplain; and Thomas H. Kinsella, Catholic chaplain. The colonel is a Methodist in his religious faith, holding some views similar to those of the Society of Friends. He is a man who has faithfully discharged every duty imposed upon him, has met fully the obligations and responsibilities of life, and has won for himself an honorable position in business, social and political circles.

W. J. WEBB, M. D.

Dr. W. J. Webb, who is now successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession in Danville, is one of Illinois' native sons, his birth occurring in Bureau county on the 13th of July, 1859. His father, John J. Webb, was born in Pennsylvania and was a young man on his removal from that state to Bureau county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in 1887 at the age of sixty-four years. In early manhood he married Miss Catherine C. Nagle, also a native of Pennsylvania.

During the boyhood of our subject the family removed to Iroquois county, Illinois, where he pursued his education in the public schools and later engaged in teaching in that county for six years. In 1881 he commenced the study of medicine and three years later was graduated from the Columbus Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, after which he was engaged in practice in Martinton, Iroquois county, for eighteen years. In 1900 he turned his attention to osteopathy and was graduated from the school at Kirksville, Missouri, the following year. He commenced the practice of his profession at Cairo, Illinois, where he remained until coming to Danville in April, 1906. Here he has since practiced both osteopathy and the regular school of medicine and during his short residence here has met with most excellent success, having already built up a good practice.

On the 4th of March, 1887, in Iroquois county, Dr. Webb was united in marriage to Miss Emily Trieschel, a native of Germany, and to them have been born three children, namely: Glendora, Hilda and Pearl. He and his wife hold membership in the First Church of Christ and have already made many warm friends since coming to Danville. He is also prominently identified with

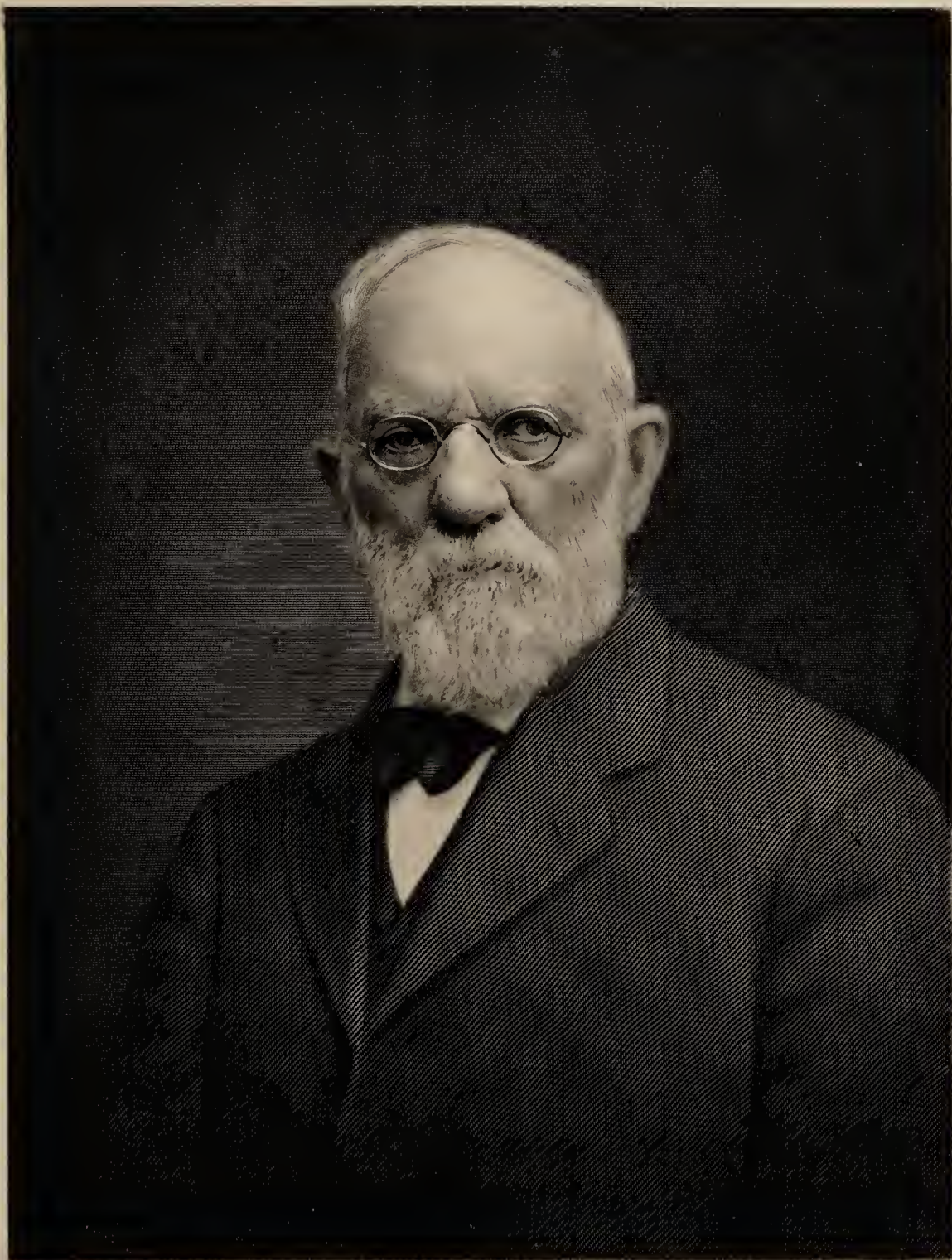
the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge at Martinton and the chapter, council and commandery at Watseka, Iroquois county. He affiliates with other social and fraternal orders, including the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a man who commands the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact either in social or business life.

WATTS FINLEY.

A man loyal in friendship, faithful in citizenship and honorable in all business relations passed away when Watts Finley was called to his final home on the 25th of November, 1907. He was then seventy-four years of age and practically his entire life had been passed in Vermilion county, so that he was among its oldest residents, having been a witness of its growth and development through more than the Psalmist's allotted span of life of three score years and ten. He saw the broad prairies claimed and converted into productive farms, he saw the founding of towns and the building of cities, and witnessed the growth of the county as it became settled by a prosperous and contented people. In all the work of progress he was an active participant and his well spent life, which would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, gained him the unqualified respect and honor of his fellowmen.

His birth occurred in the neighboring state of Indiana on the 4th of November, 1833, the place of his nativity being near Lawrenceburg in Ripley county. His parents, David and Nancy (Miller) Finley, were natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania respectively. For some years they made their home near the Miami river in Indiana and in 1834 took up their abode on what is now the site of Catlin in Vermilion county. Only two years before the Black Hawk war had occurred and there were still many evidences of Indian occupancy in this part of the state. Deer were still seen in considerable numbers and all kinds of wild game was to be had in abundance. There were no railroads and remote from the older centers of civilization the pioneers of Vermilion county bore many hardships and privations such as are common upon the frontier. However, the parents of Mr. Finley took active part in the early development and upbuilding of the county, the father continuing a factor in agricultural progress here until his death, which occurred in 1853, when he was seventy-three years of age. His wife died at the age of sixty-six years, there being only three days difference in the time of their deaths, which occurred in the month of August.

Watts Finley was the youngest of a family of seventeen children, including two pairs of twins. All have now passed from this life but for many years representatives of the name bore an active and helpful part in the work of general improvement in Vermilion county. He was but six months old when the family took up their abode on a tract of land south of Danville and there he continued to assist in the operation of the old home farm until the death of his parents. In the little log schoolhouse he began his education and later pursued his studies in a frame building that was used both for church and school



Walls Finley

purposes. Only the winter months were given to school work, for in the spring it was necessary that he assist in the work of the farm, his labors in the fields continuing through the seasons of plowing, planting and harvesting. In the spring of 1855 in company with his brother, Miller T. Finley, and his sister Nancy, afterward the wife of Captain Fraser, he removed to a farm upon which he lived with his brother for four years. The same spring he purchased a tract of land in Grant township of two hundred and forty acres and took up his abode thereon at the time of his marriage.

It was on the 17th of April, 1859, that he wedded Miss Margaret P. Davis, who was born April 16, 1834, in Ohio, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amaziah Davis, who were pioneer residents of this county, where the mother reached the very advanced age of ninety-one years. Mr. and Mrs. Finley at the time of their marriage established their home upon the Grant township farm although at that time it was an unimproved property. It was necessary that he break the sod before crops could be put in and he performed all the arduous work of developing new land. The evidences of his labor, however, were soon seen in the highly cultivated fields which brought forth good harvests. His wife proved a faithful and capable assistant and helpmate to him and they traveled life's journey happily together for a number of years but at length Mrs. Finley suffered from mental disease and during the last five years of her life was in a hospital at Kankakee, where she passed away early in 1895. They had three children, of whom Mary and Charles are yet living. The former is the wife of A. M. Honeywell, of Hoopeston, and her children are Elbert, Helen, Margaret and Marie. Charles R. Finley wedded Addie Reece and his children are Marion, Margaret and Watts. Charles R. Finley is now engaged in the operation of the home farm. On the 3d of November, 1895, Mr. Finley was again married, his second union being with Leah M. Hamilton, a daughter of Andrew and Susan (Summers) Hamilton, whose parents were natives of Adams county, Ohio, whence they removed to Indiana, where her father followed farming. Both are now deceased.

Mr. Finley was for many years closely associated with the agricultural development of Vermilion county, carrying on general farming and stock-raising. The years brought him prosperity as the reward of his close application and honorable labor, and as his financial resources increased he invested in land until his holdings embraced seven hundred and forty acres on sections 24 and 25, Grant township. At length he retired from active business life and in 1892 established his home at Fairbury, Livingston county, Illinois, but after four years removed to Hoopeston, where his remaining days were passed.

A contemporary biographer said of him ere his death: "In his business affairs he has been very successful and all that he possesses is the reward of his own enterprise and labor. He certainly deserves great credit for what he has accomplished and his life should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others. In politics he has always been a republican, interested in the success of the party but has never been an office seeker. Both of his wives were members of the Methodist church and he has been a liberal contributor to church work and to other interests which he believes will prove of value to the community. Mr. Finley is one of the oldest residents of this section of Illinois.

Continuously connected with its development and improvement, he has watched its progress from pioneer times and has taken an active and helpful interest in much that has pertained to the general good and to the substantial upbuilding of Vermilion county."

In his political views Mr. Finley was a republican and was recognized as a public-spirited citizen, whose cooperation could be counted upon to further the movements which he deemed essential to the public welfare. He loved music, enjoyed the companionship of his friends, was of a social disposition and delighted in extending the hospitality of his home to his associates. He lived to see remarkable changes here. The old haunts of the deer became the feeding ground of domestic animals, while game was replaced by the farm yard fowls and the wild prairie grasses gave way before waving fields of grain. For many years he was closely associated with the active work of development and remained throughout his life an esteemed and loved resident of Vermilion county.

I. G. GUYMON.

I. G. Guymon, an enterprising and prosperous agriculturist of Catlin township, owns and operates a rich and productive tract of land comprising one hundred and eighty-eight acres. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Vermilion county, his birth having occurred in Catlin township on the 24th of October, 1853. His parents, Gaylon and Mary J. (Sandusky) Guymon, were natives of Ohio and Vermilion county, Illinois, respectively. At an early day the father came to Illinois and took up his abode on a farm in this county but he was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, passing away in 1854. The mother still survives, however, and makes her home in Danville, where she has an extensive circle of friends.

I. G. Guymon attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained at home until he was married at the age of thirty-four years. He then purchased a farm in Catlin township and has been engaged in its operation continuously since, now owning one hundred and eighty-eight acres of valuable land. His farm work is carried on in a manner that brings the best results and he has long been numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Guymon chose Miss Ada B. Lemon, a daughter of William and Mary (Shetterly) Lemon, who were natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. The father passed away in Indiana, and in 1880 the mother came to Illinois, her demise here occurring in 1903. Unto them were born three children, of whom Mrs. Guymon is the only survivor. Our subject and his wife have one child, Derral R., whose natal day was January 1, 1896.

Mr. Guymon is a stanch democrat in politics but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Lodge No. 538 at Cat-

lin, in which he has filled all of the chairs. Both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church and take a deep and helpful interest in its work. Mr. Guymon is widely and favorably known throughout the county in which his entire life has been spent, the circle of his friends being almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

FRANK L. HILL.

Frank L. Hill, well known as one of the leading business men of Danville, where for several years he has been connected with the lumber interests, was born on the 11th of September, 1860, in Edgar county, Illinois, his parents being Jacob L. and Sarah Jane (Newkirk) Hill, both natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania. The father, who was born September 19, 1823, came to Illinois in 1858 with a number of relatives and settled in Edgar county, making his home there until the spring of 1866, which witnessed his arrival in Danville. On coming to this city he purchased the old parsonage of the First Methodist Episcopal church, then known as the North Street church, which stood opposite the Aetna House. He afterward moved this house to Logan avenue, where he lived for several years, but in 1870 located at what became the family residence on Franklin street. Having learned the carpenter's trade, he became a successful builder and contractor and was a man of great vigor and energy. In 1880 he gave up contracting and turned his attention to the jewelry business, buying out S. N. Monroe. He continued to carry on this store until his death in 1893. He was a man of many admirable characteristics and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. In his family were two sons and three daughters, namely: Clarissa J., Mrs. Laura A. Patterson, John P., Frank L. and Mrs. Ora Cowan.

Frank L. Hill began his education as a member of the infant class of the Kimber church and later attended the public schools of Danville, completing his education in the high school. He began his business career as an employe of A. L. Webster, a hardware dealer, with whom he remained for a few months, and when that gentleman sold out to the firm of Giddings & Patterson he continued in their employ for nine years. In 1887 he entered the service of the G. W. Hooten Lumber Company and after a short time he and J. T. McMillan bought out Mr. Hooten, conducting the business until 1893, when Mr. Hooten again came into possession of the business. After selling out Mr. Hill engaged in the commission business for one year and then went to Cairo, where he and Mr. McMillan established the Cairo Planing Mill Company, but a year later his plant was destroyed by fire and he returned to Danville, buying an interest in the lumber business of Mr. Hooten. At the end of two years, however, he disposed of that and in partnership with J. T. McMillan conducted a lumberyard at the corner of North and Hazel streets. In 1904 he purchased his partner's interest and three years later removed to his present location on Walnut street, near the Big Four Railroad. During his long connection with the lumber trade he has become thoroughly familiar with every department of the business

and has met with most excellent success, being now regarded as one of the substantial as well as one of the most progressive and reliable business men of Danville.

In 1884 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hill and Miss Jennie E. Brooks, who was born in Albany, New York, of English parentage, and they have two children, Janette B. and Frank Russell. Mr. Hill affiliates with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and stands high in both business and social circles.

JOHN C. LESLEY.

John C. Lesley, president of the Danville Commission Company, which is today the largest concern of the kind in the city, has spent almost his entire life here, his birth occurring in Danville on the 2d of April, 1860. The family was founded in Vermilion county at an early day in its history and its representatives have taken quite a prominent and influential part in business and political affairs. His paternal grandfather, Milton Lesley, served as sheriff of the county for a great many years and also held other offices of honor and trust. In the paternal line he is of Scotch descent, while his maternal ancestors were from Wales. His father, John M. Lesley, was a life-long resident of Danville, born here, November 5, 1832, and died in October, 1862, at the early age of thirty years. He was a lawyer by profession and was also a newspaper writer of note. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth R. Davis, was born in Ohio on the 25th of November, 1836, and long survived him, passing away in 1908.

John C. Lesley was the only child born of this union and as he passed his boyhood in Danville, he is indebted to its public and high schools for the educational advantages he enjoyed. Being in limited circumstances, however, he was obliged to commence working at an early age and in this way earned the necessary funds with which to pay his own expenses while pursuing his education. Having saved some money, he purchased a news stand at No. 34 North Vermilion street, after leaving school and conducted it for a period of two years, after which he went to New Mexico. In 1883, however, he returned to Danville and became connected with the commission business, being in the employ of Admiral & Carnahan until they disposed of their establishment, after which he worked for various firms, including the Feldkamp Candy Company, in whose employ he remained for twenty-three years. On the 30th of September, 1907, he became one of the incorporators of Danville Commission Company, of which George W. Bredehoft was president and our subject secretary and treasurer. Six months later, however, Mr. Lesley purchased his partner's interest and has since been alone in business, his store being at Nos. 312-314 East North street. Success has attended this enterprise from the start, and he is now in control of the largest commission establishment in the city.

Mr. Lesley was married in 1886 to Miss Sadie E. Hulce, a daughter of Martin and Ellen Hulce, both of whom are now deceased. In 1874 her parents became residents of Danville and here her father was prominently identified with the business interests of the city for many years, being engaged in the implement trade and president of the Danville Buggy Company. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lesley are as follows: Eva; Lois, who died when two years old; Edwin; and Josephine.

During his younger years Mr. Lesley was a member of Battery A, Danville National Guards for eight years, and although a republican in politics he has never sought office, his time and attention being wholly occupied by his business interests. He is a prominent member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias, having filled all of the chairs in the latter order. He also belongs to the Industrial Club, while his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. At an early age he became dependent upon his own efforts for a livelihood, and the prosperity that has come to him is but the just reward of his own industry, perseverance and capable management. Success has attended his well directed efforts until he now occupies an enviable position in the business circles of Danville.

J. W. TURNER.

J. W. Turner, engaged in business as an undertaker of Danville, was born in Monroe county, Indiana, on the 27th of July, 1856, his parents being William H. and Margaret (Hight) Turner, who were natives of Kentucky and Monroe county, Indiana, respectively. The father removed to Indiana in early manhood and made his home in that state until 1877, when he came to Ridge Farm, Vermilion county, Illinois, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away in 1899 at the age of eighty-one years. General agricultural pursuits claimed his attention throughout his active business career and he was widely recognized as an upright, respected and substantial citizen. His wife was called to her final rest in 1885, when sixty-five years of age.

J. W. Turner obtained his education in the public schools of Bloomington, Indiana, and afterward gave his attention to the tilling of the soil, working on a farm in Ridge Farm until 1884. In that year he embarked in the furniture and undertaking business at Ridge Farm in association with his father conducting the enterprise for two years, while subsequently he was similarly engaged in business at Bloomington, Indiana, for two years. He came to Danville in 1890 and for four years worked as an employe. In 1894 he once more began business for himself, forming a partnership with Albert Leonard and his son, J. P. Leonard, under the firm style of Turner, Leonard & Son. That relation was maintained until Mr. Turner bought the interest of his partners on the 23d of April, 1910, since which time he has been the sole proprietor of the business. He carries a fine line of caskets and funeral supplies and well merits the extensive patronage which is accorded him.

On the 1st of June, 1884, Mr. Turner was united in marriage to Miss Lunda C. Harrold, a native of Ridge Farm, Illinois, and a daughter of John D. and Sarah (Sharpe) Harrold. Her father still resides there, but her mother is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have two children, namely: Ethel, the wife of T. J. Thomas; and Hubert J.

Mr. Turner acts as treasurer of the Kimber Methodist Episcopal church and takes a prominent part in its work, doing everything in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Tribe of Ben Hur. He has ever enjoyed in the fullest degree the respect and confidence of his fellowmen and his worth as a man and citizen are widely acknowledged.

T. P. FRENCH, M. D.

Dr. T. P. French, a prominent and successful representative of the medical fraternity in Danville, was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, on the 11th of May, 1851. His parents were Ersom and Eliza (Bowling) French, the former's birth having occurred in Knox county, Indiana, on the 15th of April, 1811, while the latter first opened her eyes to the light of day in North Carolina in the year 1823. Ersom French, who was a farmer by occupation, wedded Miss Eliza Bowling in 1850, the marriage being celebrated in Indiana. In 1855, accompanied by his wife and two children, he came to Middlefork township, Vermilion county, Illinois, where he resided throughout the remainder of his life, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits. He passed away in 1894, having for a number of years survived his wife, who was called to her final rest in 1886. Unto this worthy couple were born three sons, namely: T. P., of this review; George W., who died in 1863 when eleven years of age; and Dr. A. D. French, who resides in Connecticut at the age of fifty-four.

Dr. T. P. French obtained his education in the public schools of this county and afterward followed the profession of teaching here for three years, proving a most capable instructor. Subsequently he took up the study of medicine, attending Rush Medical College for one year in 1872-3. He located for practice at Ogden, Champaign county, and later continued his professional education in the Indiana Medical College of Indianapolis, from which institution he was graduated on the 28th of February, 1878. The town of Ogden remained the scene of his professional labors until 1880, when he removed to Armstrong, Vermilion county, where he was continuously engaged in practice until 1891. During the following eight years he practiced medicine at David City, Nebraska, and in 1899 returned to Danville, where he has remained continuously since. His patronage has steadily grown as he has demonstrated his skill and ability in the line of his chosen vocation and he is widely recognized as one of the most progressive and able medical practitioners of the county. He keeps in touch with the onward march of the profession through his membership in the County, State and National Medical Societies.

In 1877 Dr. French was united in marriage to Miss Eugenia I. Robinson, a native of Peoria county, Illinois, by whom he had five children, four of whom are yet living, as follows: George M., a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago, who is now engaged in practice; Maurice, who is a graduate of the State University of Illinois and is now assistant chief engineer of the Oregon Short Line & Southern Pacific at Salt Lake City; Lewis R., who is employed in the office of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad; and Ersom H. In fraternal circles Dr. French is a Knight Templar Mason, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the Tribe of Ben Hur. In professional and social life he holds to high standards and enjoys in large measure the confidence and trust of those with whom he is brought in contact in every relation of life.

HON. JOHN H. LEWMAN.

John H. Lewman, now serving as states attorney, was born in this city on the 28th of December, 1866, and is a son of Hugh and Mary (Liggett) Lewman, both of whom were also natives of Vermilion county. His grandfather, Jesse Liggett, was born in Virginia in 1805 and was only a year old when taken by his parents to Ohio, where he made his home until 1835, which year witnessed his arrival in Vermilion county, Illinois. He settled in what is known as Pilot township, where he entered a tract of land on which he lived until called to his final rest in 1898, at the age of ninety-three years. Our subject's paternal grandfather, James Lewman, was a native of Kentucky and was also an early settler of this county. By occupation he was a farmer, owning and operating a tract of land in this county, which he sold in 1875 on his removal to Kansas, in which state his death occurred. Hugh Lewman, the father of our subject, also engaged in agricultural pursuits and died when his son John was but three years of age.

John H. Lewman was reared upon the farm and received his early education in the country schools. Later he removed to Danville, where he attended the high school and was graduated in 1888. He then taught in the city schools for some time subsequently attended Cornell University for two years and the University of Michigan for a similar length of time, graduating from the law department of the latter institution in 1894. He was admitted to the bar in the same year and began practice in Danville, where he has continued to follow his chosen profession up to the present time.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Lewman has taken a very prominent and influential part in public affairs. In 1899 he was elected city attorney, to which position he was twice reelected, serving in all for six years. In 1905 he was elected mayor of Danville and so acceptably did he fill that office that in 1907 he was reelected, remaining in office for four years. In November, 1908, he was called upon to fill the position of states attorney and is the present incumbent of that office.

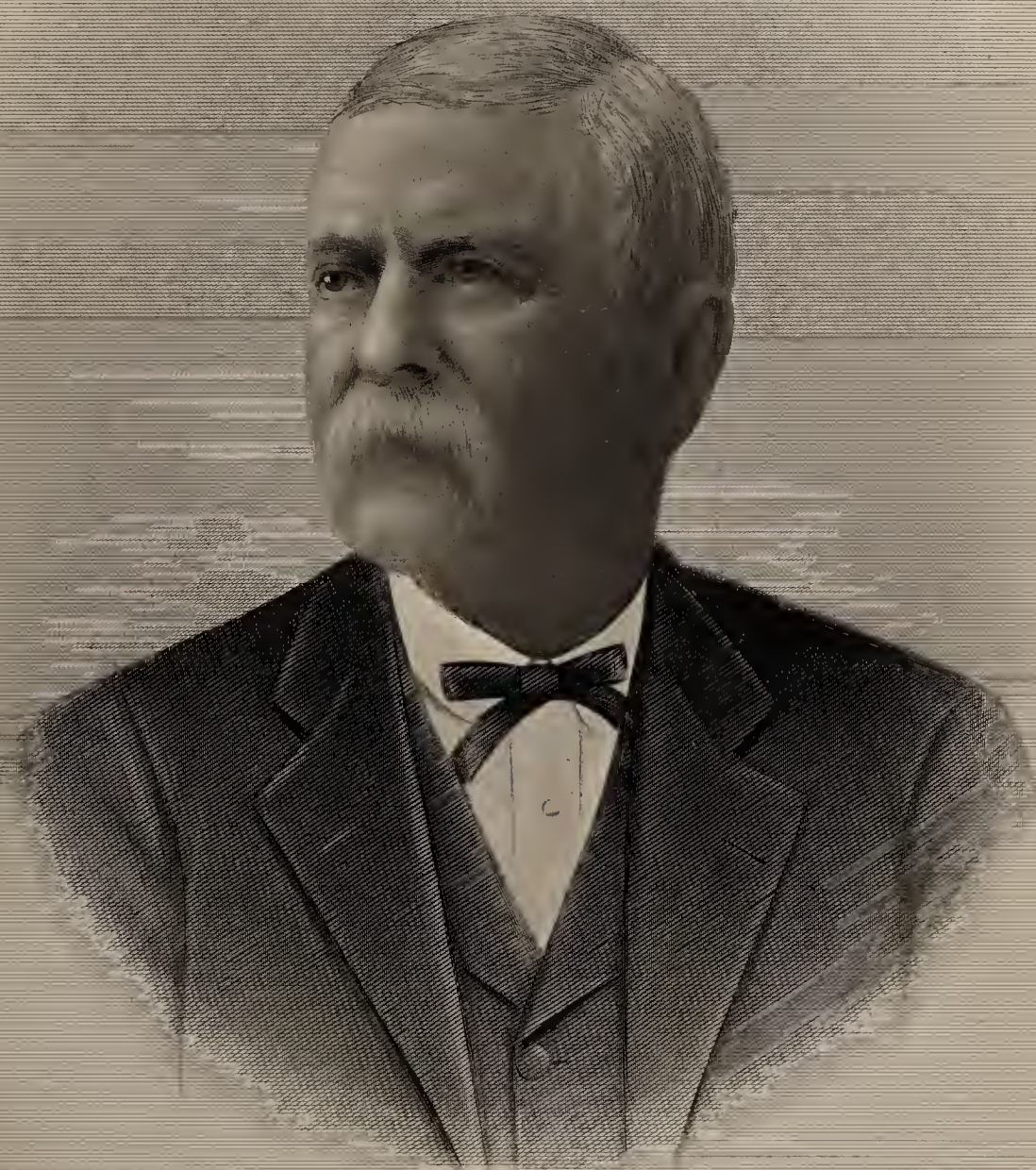
In 1898, Mr. Lewman enlisted in Battery A, First Illinois Volunteers, for service in the Spanish-American war and was sent to Porto Rico. He remained in the service for several months and was at length mustered out at Danville in November of the same year. He was, however, an officer in the Illinois National Guard for ten years, one-half of that time being captain of his company, but in 1909 he resigned as his professional and official duties claimed his entire time and attention.

OLIVER P. BAUM.

Oliver P. Baum will be remembered as one of the most successful farmers that Vermilion county has known and as a man of remarkable ability whose judgment was seldom at fault and whose fidelity to trust and sincerity in anything he undertook were never questioned. For eighty years he was a resident of this county, arriving here in infancy, and here he grew to manhood and passed through the experiences of an active career which terminated with his death, December 29, 1909, at the age of eight-one years.

Mr. Baum was a native of Ohio, born in Clermont county in January, 1828, and was a son of Samuel and Sarah (Weaver) Baum and a descendant of Polish ancestry. The founder of the family in this country was banished from Poland and came to America, adopting this county as his home and displaying a patriotism in the war of the Revolution which established his reputation as a staunch and brave supporter of republican institutions. He was married to Barbara McDonald and settled for a time in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, but after the treaty of General Wayne with the Indians he floated down the Ohio river with his family and was one of the first settlers in Clermont county, Ohio. He took up his home near the mouth of Bull's Skin creek and here he died at an advanced age, having accomplished a noble work in pushing forward the frontier and assisting in subduing the wilderness.

Samuel Baum, the father of our subject, grew up in Ohio and was married in Clermont county, coming to Vermilion county, Illinois, in 1829 with a company of settlers headed by Michael Weaver, the father-in-law of Mr. Baum, and one of the remarkable men of the day, who is worthy of more than the simple mention of his name. He was a native of Washington county, Maryland, the son of German parents who came to America before the time of the Revolutionary war. At ten years of age he began making his own way in the world and after arriving at his majority he was happily married to Mary Elizabeth Specard, of Hagerstown, Maryland. Being possessed with the spirit of the pioneer, Mr. Weaver moved to Kentucky and after a few years crossed the river to Clermont county, Ohio. In 1818 he settled in Brown county, Ohio, where he remained until 1828, at which time he started westward, his destination being Sugar Creek, Indiana. However, he was not satisfied with that locality and continued traveling west until he arrived in what is now known as Carroll township, Vermilion county, Illinois, where he established himself permanently. He was one of the very early settlers of the county and what was



Oliver P. Baum

unusual in those days, possessed an abundance of this world's goods when he arrived in this state. He was a man who had his own ideas as to values and he would never accept more than six per cent. interest upon money, even though it commanded in war times as high as forty per cent. in other hands. He would never charge more than twenty-five cents per bushel for his corn and it was his practice to fix a price upon any commodity which he had for sale, based upon the actual cost of production. He was never known to charge a higher price than the one which he had in the first place named. He was very much opposed to anything bordering upon speculation and always refused to loan his money to speculators, although as a lifelong friend of the poor he assisted them many times by loaning money at low rates of interest. He was one of the best farmers in Vermilion county and in 1875 erected one of the finest farm residences to be seen in the county. Here he passed his declining years, being called to his reward when he had almost reached the age of one hundred and one years. The mother of Oliver P. Baum departed this life when she was about forty years of age, leaving a family of eight children, and later the father was married to Mrs. Polly (Sandusky) Matkin, four children being born of this union.

The subject of this review grew to manhood in Carroll township, where he became thoroughly acquainted with all the details of farm work, and in his younger years possessed the advantages of education in the district schools. At the time of his father's departure he was thirty-three years of age and having received his portion of the estate, he began with renewed energy as an agriculturist, devoting a large part of his time to cattle feeding and becoming one of the most extensive feeders in Vermilion county. He also engaged largely in the breeding of hogs and became a familiar figure in the markets at Chicago and Buffalo, to which places he made large shipments every year. Beginning in a position very close to the bottom of the ladder, Mr. Baum passed through the various stages that conduct to prosperity and affluence, and by his great business ability, his intimate knowledge of the farm and his interest in the development of higher grade animals for the market, he became a leader and an acknowledged authority upon various subjects pertaining to his work. At the time of his death he was the owner of fourteen hundred and fifty acres of land as valuable for farming purposes as any to be found in the state. In addition to this he made many highly lucrative investments so that it is believed he was the wealthiest farmer in the county.

In 1871 Mr. Baum was united in marriage to Miss Helen McClenathen, of Washington county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of George S. and Sarah (Remley) McClenathen, also natives of the Keystone State. She came to Vermilion county with her parents when she was five years of age and here grew to womanhood. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McClenathen: James, William, Helen, Lucy, John, Belle, Anna, Emma, Owen, Ethel and George Volney. Mr. and Mrs. Baum became the parents of one child, Herbert Loraine, a review of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Baum was called away March 18, 1908. She was a woman of high ideals and lovable character and for many years was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Baum gave his allegiance to the democratic party, but he never desired political honors, as his interest centered in his farming operations, which under

his direction assumed proportions seldom known in thickly settled agricultural regions. Mr. Baum was a pioneer in earlier years, making use of the primitive methods, but he kept fully abreast of the times, always being thoroughly practical and efficient in what he undertook. His great business capacity would have made him a success in any vocation that attracted his interest. He was a kind parent, a true friend and a firm upholder of the law — a citizen whose life and work made a lasting impression on those with whom he came into contact and upon the region where he was known.

HENRY A. FOSTER.

Henry A. Foster, who has resided within the borders of Vermilion county for the past half century, was for many years successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits here but is now living retired in Catlin. His birth occurred in Montgomery county, Indiana, on the 18th of September, 1836, his parents being Robert and Susan Ann (Jones) Foster, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. They removed to the Hoosier state at an early day, entered land from the government and erected thereon a log cabin characteristic of the times, the little structure having a clapboard roof, puncheon floor, stick chimney and string latch. They lived therein for several years and continued to reside on the old home farm in Indiana until called to their final rest. Their children were eight in number, four of whom still survive, as follows: Sarah, who is the wife of J. J. Caknine and resides in Indiana; Henry A., of this review; Thomas, who is likewise a resident of Indiana; and Robert, living in Pasadena, California.

Born and reared in a frontier region, Henry A. Foster experienced many of the hardships and privations of pioneer existence and during the first nineteen years of his life wore only homespun clothes. He attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age. The year 1859 witnessed his arrival in Vermilion county, Illinois, and here he has resided continuously to the present time. In 1859 he located on a farm given him by his father and the cultivation and improvement of that property claimed his time and energies throughout his active business career. Alert, energetic and enterprising, he won a gratifying measure of success in the conduct of his agricultural interests and is now enabled to spend the evening of life in honorable retirement. Though the improvements on his farm were entirely destroyed by fire three times, he was not dismayed and after each conflagration erected a new set of buildings. His property holdings now embrace one hundred and sixty acres of land in Catlin township, a third interest in a six-acre tract in Lafayette and seven lots and a fine residence in the village of Catlin.

In 1861 Mr. Foster was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca A. Byerly, a native of Putnam county, Indiana, and a daughter of K. F. and Mary (Wilson) Byerly, who are mentioned on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of J. N. Byerly. Unto our subject and his wife were born seven

children, namely: Robert F., a resident of Chicago, Illinois; William T., who is deceased; Edmund B., who makes his home in Indiana; Sarah J., the wife of Sterling Cord, of Indiana; Charles N., who died in infancy; Nora A., who is the wife of Clint Sandusky and lives in Indiana; and Cora L., who is the wife of Samuel P. Sacre, and resides on her father's farm.

Mr. Foster is a stanch advocate of the democracy but has never cared for office, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his private interests. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, of which he has been an elder and to which both he and his wife have belonged for forty-three years. He has now passed the seventy-fourth milestone on this earthly pilgrimage and his life has ever been such as to win and hold the regard and esteem of his fellowmen.

OLIVER M. JONES.

Oliver M. Jones, a leading and successful attorney of Vermilion county, has practiced his profession in Danville since 1891. He was born in Rob Roy, Indiana, January 18, 1867, and on both paternal and maternal sides is descended from pioneer families of Indiana. His grandfather, Hiram Jones, was of Scotch descent and his grandmother, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Taylor, belonged to an old Kentucky family. As early as 1820 they removed to Indiana and became actively identified with the development of the state. It was in Fountain county, Indiana, that our subject's father, Henry B. Jones was born on the 23d of October, 1841, and there he grew to manhood and married Miss Joanna D. Meeker, also a native of that state. Born March 18, 1843, her parents were Usual H. and Sally (Dudley) Meeker, also pioneers of the Hoosier state, to which her father removed from New York at a very early day. Throughout his active business life Henry B. Jones followed the occupation of farming, his death occurring March 29, 1904, but his widow is still living.

Oliver M. Jones began his education in the public schools of Rob Roy but later attended high school at Attica, Indiana. He was next a student at Purdue University, where he was graduated in 1889 with the degree of B. Sc., and next entered the law department of Michigan University as a member of the class of 1891. From that institution he was graduated with the degree of LL. B. Coming to Danville in November, 1891, Mr. Jones began practice in this city in connection with Messrs. Calhoun and Steely under the firm name of Calhoun, Steely & Jones. Later he was in partnership with A. A. Partlow and as Jones & Partlow they engaged in general practice until 1902, since which time our subject has been alone.

Mr. Jones was married on the 7th of October, 1891, at Deer Creek, Carroll county, Indiana, to Miss Emma F. Fouts, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Solomon and Margaret Fouts. Her father is now deceased but her mother is still living and continues to make her home in Carroll county, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Jones now have three children: Josephine, born November 16, 1892; Joanna, born November 14, 1904; and Paul F., born November 6, 1908.

The republican party has always found in Mr. Jones a stanch supporter of its principles and from 1905 to 1909 he served as corporation counsel of the city of Danville to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He has always been interested in municipal affairs, giving his aid and cooperation to every movement for the general good and has served as director and attorney for the Vermilion County Building Association. In his religious faith he is a Presbyterian and in his fraternal relations is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Throughout his residence in Danville he has ever enjoyed in the fullest degree the respect and confidence of his fellowmen, and his work as a man and citizen as well as a lawyer is widely acknowledged.

AREUS N. NESBITT.

The agricultural interests of Vermilion county find a worthy and successful representative in Areus N. Nesbitt, who owns and operates a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Catlin township. His birth occurred in Ohio in March, 1837, his parents being John and Mary (Ray) Nesbitt, who were natives of Belfast, Ireland, and Ohio respectively. They spent their entire married lives on a farm in Ohio, the father passing away in 1879 and the mother in 1872. Unto them were born eleven children, three of whom still survive, namely: Robert, a resident of Kansas; Nancy, who is the widow of A. W. Willy and lives in Ohio; and Areus N., of this review.

The last named enjoyed the advantages of a high school education in his youthful years and remained under the parental roof until he was married at the age of thirty. Following that important event in his life he cultivated rented land and at different times also taught school and worked at carpentering. In 1891 he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Catlin township, Vermilion county, and has since devoted his attention to its further cultivation and improvement with excellent results. Progressive in his ideas, he has made a careful study of the subject of crop rotation and the means of increasing or of preserving the productiveness of the fields.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Nesbitt chose Miss Henrietta Kinder, who was born in Ohio in 1849, her parents being Alfred N. and Emily (Lasley) Kinder, who spent their entire lives in the Buckeye state. The father passed away in 1888, while the mother was called to her final rest in 1894. Their children were two in number, as follows: James V., living in Huntington, West Virginia; and Mrs. Nesbitt. Unto our subject and his wife have been born eight children, namely: Orla A., of Vermilion county; Oma B., the widow of Rev. C. O. Morris; Emma J., the wife of Willet I. Ashby, of this county; Mary E., at home; James A., who is married and operates the old homestead farm; Amanda E., the wife of Rev. Roy C. Bedinger, who is now in Africa as missionary; Julia S., who died at the age of eighteen months; and Ruth A., the wife of Henderson Willison, of Vermilion county.

Mr. Nesbitt gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has capably served in several township offices. He has also acted as a member of the school board and for ten years held the office of trustee. He is a charter member of Jones Camp, No. 431, M. W. A., and has filled several of its principal offices. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, with which the other members of his family are also identified. He has now passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey and his career has ever been such that he can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

ERNEST FECKER, JR.

Ernest Fecker, Jr., who is president of Fecker Brewing Company and is prominently identified with the business and industrial interests of the city, was born on the 2d of August, 1862, in New York city, his parents being Ernest and Pauline (Huber) Fecker, both natives of Germany. His mother died on the 24th of September, 1906, but his father, who is now a retired paper box manufacturer, makes his home in Chicago. In their family were three children, the brother of our subject being Frank Fecker, who is now deceased, and the sister, Mrs. Charles Foltz, is a widow who makes her home in New York city.

Reared in Brooklyn, New York, Ernest Fecker, Jr., attended the grammar schools of that city until fourteen years of age and after starting to work continued his studies in an evening high school of New York for a time. He was first employed in a paper box manufactory owned by his father and for about five years devoted his time and attention to that business but for over a quarter of a century he has now been interested in brewing. He served his apprenticeship in the brewery of Peter Engle of Schenectady, New York, and later attended a brewing academy from 1885 to 1886. It was in 1890 that he embarked in the brewing business on his own account, conducting operations for six years under the name of Fecker Brewing Company, their plant being located on the Dudley and Bloomingdale road, now called Winchester avenue. At the end of that period he sold his interest in the business to a syndicate and took the management of the United States Brewing Company, being in charge of breweries Nos. 3, 4 and 5 for some time, but in 1903 he purchased his present plant which he has conducted under the firm style of Fecker Brewing Company. He is president of the company and its success is largely due to his own well directed efforts. He thoroughly understands the manufacture of beer in every detail and is a man of exceptional business ability and sound judgment.

On the 27th of July, 1889, in Chicago, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Fecker and Miss Clara Simon, a daughter of Nicholas and Barbara Simon, residents of Chicago, both of whom are now deceased. The children born of this union are: Clara, who was born in Chicago, July 5, 1890; Frances, born January 27, 1892; Pauline, born December 8, 1893; Frank, born July 6, 1901; Lydia, born June 4, 1905; Herbert and Harold, twins, born November 11, 1908, in Danville.

Mr. Fecker is an Episcopalian in his religious belief and is today an honored member of the Masonic fraternity and the Turn Verein of Danville. His political support is always given to the men and measures of the republican party and during his residence in Chicago he was a member of the Bridewell board from 1891 to 1897 inclusive. He has taken a very active and prominent part in political affairs and was chosen a member of Governor Tanner's staff, on which he served from 1896 to 1900. His genial, pleasant manner has made him many friends and he is popular both in business and social circles.

J. B. CHAMBERS.

Among those enterprising citizens who have attained success in business affairs and are now able to live retired is J. B. Chambers, a well known resident of Danville, who was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, on the 9th of May, 1852, and belongs to a very prominent and influential family of this region. His father, William J. Chambers, was a native of Maryland and was a young man when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Indiana. On starting out in life for himself he chose the occupation to which he had been reared—that of farming—as his life work and on coming to Vermilion county, Illinois, in 1855 settled in Middlefork township, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for some time. He early became prominently identified with the public affairs and was called upon to serve as supervisor there for several terms. In 1868 he removed to Ross township, which he also represented on the board of supervisors for ten terms. At length retiring from active work, he removed to Rossville in 1887 and continued to make his home there until his death in 1907, when he was eighty years of age. He always bore a prominent part in local affairs and was a consistent member of the Baptist church. He was married in Montgomery county, Indiana, to Miss Lydia Fouts, a native of Pennsylvania, who had removed to this state with her parents during childhood. J. B. Chambers is the second in order of birth in a family of nine children, having three brothers and five sisters. Those now living are: Sarah, the wife of J. D. Leonard, of Potomac, Illinois; Malinda, now Mrs. Bridges, of Jasper county, this state; Melissa, the wife of J. A. Allen, of Covington, Indiana; and R. F. Chambers, a resident of Wichita, Kansas.

As J. B. Chambers was only three years of age on the removal of the family to Vermilion county he has practically spent his entire life here and is indebted to its common schools for the educational privileges he enjoyed. He remained on the home farm until eighteen years of age and then went to Rossville, where he engaged in the grocery business for himself for four years. During his residence there he was married in 1874 to Miss Elizabeth Copeland, a native of Middlefork township and a daughter of William H. and Rachel (Stearns) Copeland, who were farming people and old settlers of this county.

After his marriage Mr. Chambers resumed farming, which he carried on from 1874 until 1887, when he removed to Danville and embarked in the hard-

ware and implement business, which he continued to carry on with good success until his retirement in November, 1909. In 1896 he erected the building on North Walnut street now occupied by his son Earl B., who succeeded him in business but is now devoting the greater part of his attention to the automobile business. This son is the only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Chambers and after completing his education in the public schools in Danville entered his father's establishment as assistant. He is a very enterprising young business man and since the business came into his control has carried it on in an able and successful manner. He married Miss Blanche Hogan, of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Chambers hold membership in the Kimber Methodist Episcopal church and he is also identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and other fraternal orders. Although deeply interested in public affairs and the welfare of his county, Mr. Chambers has never been an office seeker or desired political preferment. He is, however, an enterprising and progressive citizen and a worthy representative of one of the most highly respected families of the county.

CHARLES T. WOOLSEY.

Prominent among the successful business men of Danville is Charles T. Woolsey who is now devoting his time and attention to the real-estate business. A man of keen discrimination and sound judgment, his pronounced business ability and excellent management have brought to him a high degree of success. He was born in Bainbridge, Indiana, January 21, 1875, his parents being George W. and Sarah (Nelson) Woolsey. The father is a newspaper man and for several years has been editor and publisher of the Banner in Danville.

In the public schools of this city Charles T. Woolsey acquired a good practical education and on putting aside his text-books entered a printing office, where he soon mastered the trade, continuing to follow that occupation for about fifteen years. In 1905 he embarked in the real-estate business, which has steadily grown from year to year until he is now one of the leading real-estate dealers of Danville, handling not only his own property, but a large amount for others. He keeps well posted on everything connected with his line of trade and his success is due to his own energy and perseverance.

Mr. Woolsey was married in Covington, Indiana, on the 25th of October, 1897, to Miss Marie M. Walz, who was born in Danville and is a daughter of George Walz, one of the old residents of this city and one of the first furniture dealers and undertakers here. This union has been blessed by four children, three sons and one daughter, namely: Wood, now eleven years of age; Carl, nine; Jean, six, and Mary Jane, an infant.

Mr. Woolsey is not identified with any political party but endeavors to support those measures which he believes to be for the public good and votes for the men best qualified to fill the offices. In 1907 he was appointed notary public for a term of four years and is now acceptably filling that position. He

is a man of unflinching integrity and commercial honor who enjoys in the highest measure the respect of all who know him. That many of his staunchest friends are numbered among those who have known him from boyhood to the present time is an indication that his has been an honorable and upright life and one worthy of the esteem in which he is universally held.

PROFESSOR ELWIN LEROY BAILEY.

Professor Elwin LeRoy Bailey, president of the Greer College of Hoopeston, has devoted his life largely to educational work and, ever laboring for the attainment of high ideals, his service has been a potent and helpful influence in promoting intellectual advancement in the various localities in which he has made his home. He was born at Minonk, Woodford county, Illinois, July 27, 1865, a son of Hiram S. and Fidelia Salina (Labar) Bailey, both of whom were natives of New York, the former of English lineage and the latter of French descent. About 1861 Mr. Bailey came to Illinois, continuing his residence in this state until 1899, when he removed to Monon, Indiana, and continued to reside there until his death, which occurred in 1901. His widow still survives him and now lives with her son, Professor Bailey, in Hoopeston.

In the public schools of Woodford county, E. L. Bailey pursued his early education, became a high school student in Minonk and afterward attended successively the Rice Collegiate Institute at Paxton, Illinois, the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, Indiana, and the Normal School at Bushnell, Illinois. He continued his studies to the year 1891, and after completing the last course took up the profession of teaching. He taught for one year in Woodford county and seven years in the public schools of Ford and Iroquois counties. He also spent a year as a teacher in the college at Paxton, two years in the Western Normal College at Macomb, Illinois, and for nine years has been a representative of the educational interests of Hoopeston, coming to this city in 1901, at which time he became a member of the faculty of Greer College. He was for three years science teacher and in 1904 was elected to the presidency of the school, which has an enrollment of between two and three hundred pupils, while the summer session is attended by from sixty to seventy-five pupils. Professor Bailey studied law for two years, but never engaged in practice. His entire life since attaining his majority has been given to educational work and he has become an able and recognized leader in this field. He is zealous and discriminating, imparts readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he has acquired, and moreover studies each pupil from the standpoint of the individual, without which understanding the best work of the teacher is never done. He has during his nine years' connection therewith raised the standard of Greer College, and the student who will apply himself to his work finds in this institution a means for thorough preparation for the practical duties of life. In addition to his educational work Professor Bailey has property interests, being the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of timber land in Wayne county, Missouri, and also owns his residence in Hoopeston at 703 West Penn street.



Edw Bailey

On the 29th of July, 1902, in Hoopeston, Professor Bailey was married to Miss Bertha Landess, a native of Pike county, Illinois, and a daughter of Levi P. Landess. Mr. Bailey holds membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church of Hoopeston, while Mrs. Bailey is a member of the Christian church. He is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and while at times he takes an active interest in political affairs, he has never been a politician in the usually accepted sense of the term. He is never neglectful of the duties of citizenship, however, and his influence has been a tangible force for good in the community.

LOUIS W. COE.

Louis W. Coe, who has lived for the last sixteen years at Ridge Farm, Vermilion county, and is the owner of a valuable farming property in this part of the county, was born in Elwood township, September 12, 1865. He is a son of Brainard E. and Margaret (Wiseman) Coe, who were both natives of Wirt county, West Virginia, and came to Illinois in 1865, where they lived upon a farm in Elwood township. The mother was called to her final rest in 1866, her companion departing this life thirteen years later, on July 9, 1879. At the time of his death Mr. Coe was the owner of a finely improved farm of two hundred and forty acres, which he had won from the virgin soil through his persistence and well applied labor. The father and mother now lie side by side in Yankee Point cemetery, five miles northeast of Ridge Farm. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, intelligent and progressive, and highly esteemed on account of their unselfish acts. Eight children were born to them: Clairmont E., Nimrod S., Clinton W., who died April 2, 1890; John F., Margaret N., Alice, Anna, and Louis W.

Having lost his mother at the age of ten months, the subject of this sketch became a member of the household of John C. Dicken and wife of Ridge Farm. There he continued until twelve years of age, when he went home and remained with his father until the death of the latter two years later. He received his education in the district schools and as he grew up he worked upon the farm and when he was twenty-four years of age he rented land, where he carried on operations for seventeen years. Having acquired a competence, he retired to Ridge Farm, where he has lived since 1894. He and his wife are the owners of one hundred and eighty acres of land, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation and has supplied with all the conveniences of the modern farm.

On November 29, 1893, Mr. Coe was united in marriage to Miss Annie C. Canada, who was born in Elwood township, February 18, 1873. She is a daughter of William Canada IV and Jane (Hayworth) Canada, the former a native of Vermilion county and the latter of Indiana. They were the parents of eight children: Dora, deceased; Horace, Ida, Owen, Eunice, deceased; one who died in infancy; Annie C., the wife of our subject; and James W. Mr. and Mrs. Coe are the parents of two children: Viola M., born January 11, 1896,

who is now a student in the high school and also a student of music; and Doris J., who was born February 27, 1907.

Mr. Coe is politically affiliated with the republican party, in which he is a prominent and active worker. He has been a member of the republican central committee of Vermilion county and for six years was tax collector of his township, also serving for one year as assessor. He is a member of the school board at the present time. In secret societies he has been quite prominent, holding membership in the Modern Woodmen of America, the Royal Neighbors, the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic order and at various times he has occupied offices in these organizations. He is also well known in club circles, being president of the Ridge Farm Club, an organization which has a great deal of influence in this community. Mrs. Coe is a valuable member of the Friends church, and she and her husband cheerfully lend their assistance to any movement that has as its object the advancement of the permanent interests of those with whom they are associated. Mr. Coe, now in the prime of his life and at the head of a happy family, is one of the prosperous citizens of Ridge Farm. As a farmer he has demonstrated his ability and as a public-spirited and wide-awake citizen he has won an enviable position in Vermilion county.

NICHOLAS ENGELMANN.

Without any special advantages at the outset of his career Nicholas Engelmann has labored diligently and persistently to attain success and is now the owner of a good farm in Catlin township, embracing forty acres of rich and productive land. He was born in Stark county, Ohio, July 20, 1854, and is a son of John N. and Mary (Schuetz) Engelmann, both of whom were natives of Prussia, Germany. They came to America early in the year 1854 and established their home in Stark county, Ohio. The father was a miner by occupation and followed that pursuit in the Buckeye state until 1857, when he came with his family to Vermilion county, Illinois, and settled at Tilton, where he was employed in the mines for two years. Believing that he would find agricultural pursuits more profitable, he then rented a farm, which he occupied for three years, during which period he carefully saved his earnings until he felt justified in purchasing eighty acres of the farm upon which Nicholas Engelmann now resides. He afterward bought forty more acres and lived upon this place until his death, which occurred in September, 1908. For two years he had survived his wife, who died in August, 1906. In their family were eight children, four sons and four daughters, all of whom are yet living.

Nicholas Engelmann remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He was only three years of age when the family came to Vermilion county and in the schools of the district he pursued his education. He was carefully trained to the work of the fields and thus early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. On attaining his majority he rented what was known as the Sylva Parl farm, on

which he lived for a year. Later he bought twenty acres of land and after his father's death he received twenty acres as his share of the old homestead, so that he now owns forty acres. Although the farm is small it is well improved and the land is rich and arable so that its cultivation brings to him a handsome financial return.

In 1877 Mr. Engelmann was married to Miss Martha Williams, who was born in Catlin township, March 14, 1856, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myrum Williams, both of whom are now deceased. Their family numbered seven children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Engelmann was born a daughter, Edna L., whose birth occurred June 21, 1878. She became the wife of Roy Kirkheart and died May 9, 1898. The death of Mrs. Engelmann occurred September 27, 1879, and her remains were laid to rest in Pate cemetery. She was a consistent member of the Christian church and her many good traits of character won her the love and esteem of all with whom she came in contact.

Mr. Engelmann has supported the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise but has never sought or desired office. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge, No. 285, of Catlin, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His life has ever been upright and honorable, and he has ever endeavored to deal justly by his fellowmen and to shape his conduct in accordance with the principles of good citizenship.

ASA M. BUSHNELL.

The years that cover the active business career of Asa M. Bushnell have chronicled his success as a result of determined and persistent purpose and close application. He is now well known as president of the American Bank & Trust Company of Danville but has also been identified with various other enterprises which have materially advanced the interests of this city and county. Throughout his entire career he has retained the high regard of a large circle of friends—a fact indicative that his pronounced traits of character are those which everywhere command confidence and trust.

A native of Illinois, Mr. Bushnell was born in Cook county on the 8th of December, 1849, his parents being Henry and Lavina (Dayton) Bushnell, who were natives of Ohio and New Jersey respectively. Before his marriage the father came west, becoming one of the early settlers of Cook county, Illinois, and purchased a farm in Blue Island which he operated for a number of years. In 1854, however, he removed to Vermilion county, taking up his residence about ten miles east of Danville, where he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits for a few years. At the end of that time, however, he returned to Cook county, where he made his home during the Civil war. He was the first man drafted from that county but his services were refused and the company he organized there was given to another. After the close of the war he again came to Vermilion county but in 1874 removed to California and spent the remainder of his life in Monterey county, his time and attention being devoted

to farming. His death occurred there on the 19th of March, 1901, but his widow is still living and continues to make her home in the Golden state. There were seven children born to this couple, four sons and three daughters, namely: Lydia, deceased; Asa M., William, Mary, Loran, Henry, and Nellie. All are residents of California with the exception of our subject.

Asa M. Bushnell acquired a good practical education in the public schools of Merom, Indiana, and upon the home farm he spent the days of his boyhood and youth, remaining under the parental roof until twenty-two years of age. He then engaged in clerking for the firm of Gundy Brothers at Myersville, Vermilion county, for one year and in 1873 opened a store of his own at Bismarck, this county, which he conducted for twenty years. While engaged in business there he also served as postmaster for eighteen years, one term of this time being under the administration of President Cleveland, although he is a strong republican. While residing in Bismarck he also served as school director for several years.

It was in 1894 that Mr. Bushnell removed to Danville, where he was first engaged in the music business, purchasing his stock from the firm of Lyon & Healy of Chicago, but a few months later he sold out and bought an interest in the implement and hardware business with J. B. Chambers, with whom he was connected for seven years. On disposing of his interest in that enterprise he organized the Danville Wholesale Grocery Company but sold out at the end of a year and in 1907 organized the American Bank & Trust Company, of which he has since been president. It has a capital stock of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars and has already paid five per cent dividend, with an undivided profit of five thousand one hundred and fifty-two dollars and ninety-three cents. The officers are Asa M. Bushnell, president; John L. Hamilton, vice president; Alonzo L. Lyons, second vice president; and James A. Foster, cashier. They occupy a very modern building which was remodeled at a cost of twenty-eight thousand dollars, and their fixtures are up-to-date and of the most approved pattern. Although the bank has been in existence only a few years, it has steadily prospered and is today regarded as one of the safest and most conservative financial institution of this section of the state. The building it occupies and the one adjoining it are owned by Mr. Bushnell, who is still in possession of a fine farm near Bismarck.

On the 15th of October, 1873, was celebrated his marriage to Miss Willie M. Shockley, of Vermilion county, and they have become the parents of four children, as follows: Clyde H., now a resident of Durant, Oklahoma; Mabel, the wife of O. H. Fairchilds, of Denver, Colorado; and Frank and Barton, who are engaged in the wholesale candy business in Danville.

Fraternally Mr. Bushnell affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. A man of good business and executive ability, he has met with excellent success in his undertakings and is today numbered among the men of affluence in Danville. He has known the pleasure of success, not simply in the pecuniary reward that has come to him but also in that enjoyment which comes in the accomplishment of what one undertakes. He has ever persevered

in the pursuit of a persistent purpose and is now numbered among those who are the factors in Vermilion county's material upbuilding. He is a splendid type of the American business man, alert, energetic and determined, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

ALONZO BUSHNELL BENJAMIN.

The visible evidence of the activity and success of Alonzo Bushnell Benjamin is the business of the Benjamin Temple of Music, which is today the most extensive and up-to-date establishment of the kind in the middle west outside of Chicago. He is a man of good executive ability and sound judgment and during his residence in Danville has steadily prospered.

A native of Illinois, he was born in Peoria county, on the 3d of July, 1849, his parents being John and Levira (Hitchcock) Benjamin, both natives of New York. Throughout his active business life the father followed farming and in 1832 came to Illinois, being one of the pioneer settlers of Peoria county, where in the midst of the wilderness he developed a good farm. As time passed he added to his property as he found opportunity until he became the owner of sixteen hundred acres of very valuable land. Being of an inventive turn of mind, he constructed the first cultivator plowing a row of corn, which was then called the Shanghai plow, and also invented a corn planter which dropped a double row. This was a decided improvement over the machinery of the time, but unfortunately he never patented it. A progressive, wide-awake and enterprising man, he met with success in his undertakings and materially aided in the development of his section of the state. His home was the first brick house in the locality and for many years it was considered a landmark. Both he and his wife were earnest and consistent members of the Baptist church and were held in the highest esteem by all who knew them. He passed away in 1863 at the age of sixty-two years, and his wife died in 1883 at the age of seventy-four years.

They were the parents of seven children, namely: R. J., an attorney of Princeville, Illinois; Truman and Edwin, who died in infancy; J. H., a retired farmer of Winfield, Kansas; M. W., who is engaged in the music business in Boone, Iowa; Harriet L., the widow of J. S. Barnum and a resident of Chicago; and Alonzo Bushnell, of this review.

Reared in the county of his nativity Alonzo B. Benjamin acquired a good practical education in the public schools and made preparation to enter upon a commercial career by a course in a business college of Peoria, continuing his studies until twenty-one years of age. He first became identified with business interests as a music dealer in Princeville and from that city removed to Danville, in 1876, opening his present establishment as a branch house for Lyon & Healy, of Chicago, whom he thus represented for seventeen years under the name of the Benjamin Temple of Music. He began business on West Main street in the old Hub block and in 1882 removed to the Palmer block, where he remained until 1901, when he secured the fine building at Nos. 30 and 32

North Vermilion street. This is a three story structure, twenty-seven by one hundred and fifty feet, and each floor is occupied by the Benjamin Temple of Music, being well equipped and splendidly stocked with musical instruments of all descriptions. Although he has made a specialty of the Everett piano, he carries a great many makes and also organs, piano players and all kinds of musical merchandise. His trade has steadily increased until now he is at the head of the most extensive business of the kind in this section of the country. On the 2d of November, 1902, the business was incorporated under the name of the Benjamin Temple of Music and capitalized for twenty thousand dollars, the officers being: A. B. Benjamin, president; his nephew, F. A. Benjamin, vice president; and his son-in-law, F. J. Lovell, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Benjamin was married June 10, 1872, to Miss Angie Cook, a daughter of T. G. Cook, a prominent farmer and early settler of Knox county, Illinois, now living retired in Galesburg. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Susan E. Wilder, belonged to one of the leading families of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin have four children, namely: Susan L., the wife of F. J. Lovell and the mother of two sons, Ralph B., and John L.; Roy A., who married Miss Bessie Jeremy; Ruby Adeona, who married R. Day Kelley and has one daughter, Jane M.; and Horace Victor.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Benjamin has been prominently identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having filled all the chairs in the local organization and encampment at Princeville, Illinois, and transferred his membership to Danville in 1877. He has been patriarch militant, adjutant and captain. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Court of Honor, the National Union, the Eagles and the Improved Order of Red Men. His public spirit has been manifest in his support of those things which he believed calculated to prove of public benefit, and he exercises his right to vote with discrimination, in this way rendering noble service to the city. For two years he has served as alderman of his ward but has never taken a very prominent part in political affairs. For a third of a century he has been identified with the commercial interests of Danville and throughout that entire period there has been naught said detrimental to his business integrity, and that he enjoys the respect and confidence of his patrons is shown in his rapidly increasing business.

JACOB P. ELLSWORTH.

The worth and fidelity of Jacob P. Ellsworth in positions of public trust is indicated in the fact that he has served continuously as assistant supervisor of his township since 1902. All those activities which effect the municipal welfare, the intellectual and moral progress and the material development of Westville receive his endorsement and support and in the town he is also known as an enterprising general merchant.

Vermilion county numbers Mr. Ellsworth among her native sons. He was born January 8, 1847, of the marriage of Sylvanus T. and Zarelda (Graves) Ellsworth, who were natives of Miami county, Ohio, and of Kentucky respectively. The father was a resident of the Buckeye state during his youth and early manhood and there engaged in farming and logging until 1840, when he made a trip to Illinois, visiting Vermilion county. Soon afterward he returned to Ohio but again made his way to Vermilion county, believing that excellent opportunities were here offered. It was in this district that he married Miss Zarelda Graves and later removed with his family to Lewistown, Illinois, where he remained for a year. He then returned to Vermilion county and for about three years resided in Georgetown township, while in 1854 he settled in Catlin township, making his home there throughout his remaining days save for a period of two years spent with his daughter in Westville. Farming was his life work and the energy and diligence with which he prosecuted his labors led to his success. He started out empty handed but came into the possession of a comfortable competence as the reward of his unremitting industry. He died August 12, 1901, having for about fourteen years survived his wife, who passed away in 1887.

Their family numbered seven children: Mary E., the wife of Israel Burroughs, of Danville; Margaret, who became the wife of William Currants and died in 1885; Jacob P., of this review; Sarah, the wife of William D. Parker, a farmer living on section 6, Georgetown township; Eveline M., the wife of George Watson, a contractor of Danville; Levi Lincoln, who married Minnie Hodge and is living on the old homestead in Catlin township; and Catherine, the wife of William C. Dukes, who was formerly engaged in the butchering business but is now a carpenter of Georgetown.

Jacob P. Ellsworth, as has been seen, is a representative of one of the oldest pioneer families of Vermilion county and is himself one of its early settlers, having for sixty-three years resided here. He has therefore witnessed the greater part of its growth and development and at all times has rejoiced in what has been accomplished for its improvement. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges and later he engaged in teaching in the McMillan school in Danville township in 1870. The following year he became the teacher in the Brooks Point school and in the winter of 1872 was engaged to teach the Rouse school, after which he returned to the McMillan school for one term. He proved a capable educator, having the faculty of interesting the children in their studies and maintaining discipline as well.

Mr. Ellsworth lived for a time on the old home farm and in 1871 took up his abode in Westville, since which time he has been connected with the up-building and improvement of the town. He erected the first store building here and engaged in general merchandising for a short time. In 1880 he again entered the mercantile field but after a brief period once more sold out. He then followed farming until 1889, when he began clerking in the Kelly store of Westville, remaining there for two years. Since 1891 he has engaged in business on his own account, erecting a store building in which he has since carried a large and well selected general line of goods. His fair dealing and earnest desire to please his patrons have constituted the salient features in his

success, bringing him a liberal patronage. He is still connected with agricultural pursuits as the owner of seventy acres of land in Georgetown township and one hundred and ten acres of the home farm in Catlin township. His business interests are capably conducted and at all times he has recognized and utilized the opportunities for success.

Mr. Ellsworth was united in marriage, in this county, to Miss Sarah O'Neal, whose father, Isaac O'Neal, was a pioneer settler here. Mrs. Ellsworth died on the 21st of June, 1888, leaving two children: Austin, who wedded May Lash and is living near Westville; and Lola B. Mr. Ellsworth afterward married Miss Mary Donlon, a daughter of Anthony Donlon, formerly of Danville, but now deceased. They have two sons: Ralph Anthony Sylvanus; and Harold Donald, born July 20, 1903. Their home in Westville is a hospitable one, always open for the reception of their many friends.

Mr. Ellsworth belongs to the Christian church of Westville, while his wife is of the Catholic faith. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he has been called to several local offices, serving as the first police magistrate of Westville, which position he filled for four years, while for eight years he has been assistant supervisor of his township. He was also a trustee of the village board for two years, retiring from that office in 1909. His genial qualities, his social disposition and his sterling worth have gained him many friends in this community and the high regard in which he is held merits his classification with the representative and honored citizens of his native county.

WILLIAM MOORE.

There are found many men whose industry has won them success—men who by their perseverance and diligence execute well defined plans which others have made—but the men who take the initiative are comparatively few. The vast majority do not see opportunity for the coordination of forces in the development of new, extensive and profitable enterprises, and therefore must follow along paths which others have marked out. In William Moore, however, the initiative spirit is strong. He has realized the possibility for the combination of forces and has wrought along the line of mammoth undertakings until he well deserves to be ranked among the captains of industry, being the strong center of the community in which he moves.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Moore's birth occurred at West Bedford, Coshocton county, November 30, 1841, his parents being Silas and Mary Moore, the former a prominent farmer and capitalist of Spring Mountain, Ohio. The youthful days of William Moore were spent upon his father's farm and after mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools he entered the Spring Mountain Seminary at Spring Mountain, Ohio, where he pursued a preparatory course, expecting to make this the foundation for the study of law. Events shaped his life otherwise however. The Civil war came on and text-books were abandoned for active service in the field. He was only nineteen years of age when, in 1861, he responded to the country's call for troops, joining the army



William Moore

on the 23d of April, just eleven days after the Confederate forces made their attack upon Fort Sumter. The call under which he enlisted was for three months' troops. He joined Company D. Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private and was promoted to the rank of orderly sergeant. In the following August he was honorably discharged by reason of the expiration of his term of service, but by this time it had been proven that the war was to be no mere holiday affair and to the loyalty of the northern men an appeal was made to preserve the Union. Mr. Moore reenlisted on the 3d of October, 1861, and was commissioned by Governor Denison a first lieutenant with authority to raise a company. He secured his enlistments largely among the students of the Spring Mountain Seminary and the organization became known as Company I of Fifty-first Ohio Infantry under command of Colonel Stanley Matthews. With his company, Lieutenant Moore fought at Philippi, Perryville, Chickamauga, Look-out Mountain, Missionary Ridge and Ringgold, and in January, 1863, was promoted to a captaincy. His command suffered severely at Chickamauga, half of the number being killed or wounded, while many of the remainder were captured. All of the regimental officers of the Fifty-first having been taken prisoners, Captain Moore, as ranking line officer, assumed command and with but a few men, bearing the regimental colors and the stand of rebel colors captured from a South Carolina regiment in the last charge, he cut through the rebel lines and safely reached Chattanooga the next day. It was a brave move and one which displayed superior knowledge of military tactics as well as unfaltering courage. Captain Moore on two different occasions was chosen for special service of a difficult and dangerous kind. He executed his commission, however, with signal success and was complimented by his fellow and superior officers and also by the general in command of the army. Three years were given by him to the defense of the Union and in April, 1864, he retired from the army with the most creditable military record.

While his early life was devoted to farming, Captain Moore felt that commercial and industrial interests offered a broader field of activity and he became identified with the interests of Hoopeston in 1871. He had taken up his abode in Vermilion county in March, 1865, settling upon a farm in Grant township of three hundred and twenty acres, which he had previously purchased. It was not long before his fellow townsmen recognized his ability and personal worth, and in 1866 elected him to the office of justice of the peace, which he filled for eight years, and was also chosen collector of Grant township in 1867 and acted in that capacity for three years, while from 1866 until 1872 he was school treasurer. The cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion and for several years he was officially connected with the Hoopeston public schools, his energy and enterprize being largely responsible for the erection of the first imposing and substantial school building in the city, which was completed at a cost of about twenty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Moore was strongly opposed in his efforts in this direction, but he had firm faith in the ultimate development of the town and time has proven his wisdom, for today Hoopeston has several schools equally commodious and excellent in construction. He has also served as a member of the Hoopeston Library Association since its organization and no movement for the benefit of the city fails to receive his

endorsement and cooperation. In fact, he is the moving spirit in many projects for the general good and his efforts have indeed been far-reaching, effective and beneficial.

While never neglecting in the slightest degree any public duty devolving upon him, he has yet made business activities his chief interest and by reason of his ramifying business connections the name of Hoopeston has largely become known throughout the entire country. He first became identified with real-estate operations in Hoopeston in laying out the Moore and Brown addition, utilizing for this purpose fifty acres of land which he had purchased here at an early day. For the more satisfactory management of his real-estate interests he took up his abode in Hoopeston in April, 1872, and has since operated more or less extensively in realty here, although this by no means compasses the extent of his activities. He was for a time a member of the real-estate firm of Moore & Brown and later became the senior member of the well known firm of Moore, McFerren & Seavey, whose sales for the year beginning March, 1874, amounted to two hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars. Not only did this firm handle Hoopeston property but also became proprietors of large land interests in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and other southern states.

Recognizing the fact that the upbuilding of every city depends not so much upon the machinery of government nor the men controlling the public policy as upon the establishment and conduct of extensive business enterprises, Mr. Moore has done much to make Hoopeston the commercial center which it is today. He became one of the investors in the stock of the Illinois Canning Company, soon after its organization and later was made general manager and is now the president of this corporation with N. S. Cutright, of Peoria, as vice president; W. A. Miskimin as secretary; and Earl Webster as treasurer. He originated and executed the plans for forming the Union Tin Can Company, of which he became stock-holder and director and of which he was the president when the company was merged into the American Can Company. It was organized in 1892 and capitalized for forty thousand dollars. The progressive methods of Mr. Moore and his associates are indicated by the fact that when the business was sold in 1900 it returned to the owners one million dollars, the original stockholders retaining their respective interests as paid up stock. In other sections of the country. Mr. Moore has also largely operated along industrial and manufacturing lines, and different communities have profited greatly by his business activity. He became connected with Mr. McFerren at Memphis, Tennessee, in the ownership of an extensive enterprise conducted under the style of the Moore & McFerren Box & Lumber Company, of which Mr. Moore is the managing partner. These gentlemen are also proprietors of a double band sawmill, box factory and planing mills at Memphis, which has an extensive capacity and they are also the owners of a large sawmill at Luxora, Arkansas, a sawmill on Pittman's island, another at Woodstock, Mississippi, and still others, all of which have a large capacity. They own over thirty thousand acres of timber land in Arkansas and to facilitate the development of their properties and get the lumber products to the market they have built railways. Mr. Moore has also secured donations for the two railroads which enter Hoopeston and was a member of the committee for obtaining the right of way for the Lake.

Erie & Western Railroad through Vermilion county. As the years have passed his efforts have been extended into other fields and he is now one of the directors of the H. O. Company of Buffalo, New York; of the Federal Life Insurance Company, of Chicago; and of the Gibson Canning Company, of Gibson City, Illinois. His activities have been of constantly broadening scope and he has never feared to venture where favoring opportunity has led the way.

Mr. Moore has been married twice. In Coshocton county, Ohio, on the 26th of February, 1865, he wedded Louisa J. Miller, a daughter of Robert and Susanna Miller. On the 2d of March, 1892, in Chicago, he married Miss Anna Hamilton, a daughter of Ephraim and Celia D. Hamilton. Her father was a prominent merchant at Ash Grove, Illinois, in the early days, and her brother Isaac Miller Hamilton is now president of the Federal Life Insurance Company of Chicago. The children of Mr. Moore are: Winfield S., who married Jennie Jones and is living at Hoopeston, Illinois; Claude H., who married Hattie Marsh and resides at Memphis, Tennessee; and Cora M., the wife of Dr. E. E. Haines, of Memphis. The Moore residence is one of the palatial homes of Hoopeston.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore belong to the Methodist church and he is a Knight Templar Mason, in thorough sympathy with the beneficent spirit of the craft. He served as the first high priest of Hoopeston Chapter, R. A. M., in 1877. He is now president of the Commercial Club of Hoopeston and during his connection with the organization has cooperated in its various projects for the improvement and upbuilding of the city. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has consented to serve in some municipal offices, so that the city has had the benefit of his sound judgment and broad experience in the conduct of municipal business. He has ever displayed an aptitude for successful management of affairs of great magnitude and possesses marked ability in coordinating forces and combining seemingly diverse elements into a harmonious whole. Moreover, his business activities have ever balanced up with the principles of truth and honor. His methods have ever been of a constructive character and his business interests have never sacrificed the rights and privileges of others. He has built along legitimate lines and the various extensive enterprises which he has fostered and promoted have constituted an element of worth in the communities where they are located.

HENRY M. BLAIR.

Henry M. Blair, for twenty-eight years past a merchant of West Newell and well known as a representative citizen of Vermilion county, was born in Newell township, November 10, 1861, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Cossart) Blair, also natives of this county, who are still living at the old homestead in Newell township. The subject of this review is the eldest of six children born to his parents, the names of the other members of the family being: Robert E. Lee, of Salem, Illinois; Clara, now Mrs. Irvin Cunningham, of Newell township; and Flora A., Franklin and Arthur, all three of whom are deceased.

Henry M. Blair remained upon the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He received his education in the district schools but after arriving at his majority decided that he preferred mercantile life to farming and became connected with general merchandising at West Newell in 1882. By application and good judgment he has been successful in his chosen vocation and has met with the reward that is the result of properly applied industry. He also operates the grain elevator at West Newell and is recognized by his associates as a substantial and competent business man, whose word is as good as his bond and whose record has been untarnished.

In November, 1889, Mr. Blair was happily united in marriage to Miss Katie Campbell, of Vermilion county, a daughter of Horace and Elizabeth (Delay) Campbell, who were both born in Illinois and died in this state. Mrs. Blair was born in 1860 and has always proved to her husband a faithful and devoted wife. Three children have blessed their union: Lucile, now a student of the high school; Mabel and Helen.

Mr. Blair is identified with the democratic party and has always shown the interest of a patriotic citizen in voting for the measures which he considers of most vital importance to the state and the Union. While not an office-seeker, he has served as township clerk, commissioner of highways and as member of the school board. He is a member of the United Brethren church and is in hearty sympathy with all movements, moral or religious, that aim to improve the character of the individual or to elevate the standard of society. The head of a happy family, Mr. Blair has been fortunate in his life work and is a good example of an American citizen, actuated by worthy ideals which he has successfully applied in the practical duties of life.

JOHN McVEY.

John McVey, who was a gallant soldier in the Civil war and is now living retired at Tilton, Vermilion county, after a long and useful career, first saw the light of day in County Longford, Ireland, in 1837. He is a son of John McVey who, seeking better opportunities than the Emerald isle afforded, came with his family to America in 1852. He had received a fair education in the old country and was fifteen years of age when he landed under the stars and stripes. The father was a minor and the first year after arriving in this country he spent in the mines in Pennsylvania. Just as he was beginning to experience the blessings of liberty in a republic, the head of the family was taken with a fatal illness and died, leaving his son to shift for himself.

At sixteen years of age, among strangers, John McVey began the battle of life. He was blessed with strong arms and a brave heart and in the coal mines of Pennsylvania he found employment until 1857, when he came west and began working in the mines of Vermilion county. Here he continued until President Lincoln's call for soldiers to prevent the dissolution of the Union aroused the patriotism of young men all over the country and our subject enlisted in Company C, Twelfth Illinois Volunteers, serving from April to July, when

he was sent home sick. After recuperating for about a year he reenlisted, his name being found this time upon the rolls of Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry. In this regiment he manfully served until the close of the war and participated in many of the great battles by which the Confederacy was finally overthrown. At the battle of Jonesboro he was wounded but soon recovered and rejoined his command. Having received an honorable discharge, he returned to Tilton and resumed work in the mines, also engaging in the mercantile business. In 1884 he erected a large store building containing ten bedrooms used by train men, as this place was a terminal of the Wabash Railway, and in this building conducted both a store and boarding house. At different times he invested in farm land which he sold at a good profit and some years ago owned one hundred and forty acres of land northwest of Tilton. He now owns twenty-six acres of valuable property near the town and in his various financial operations has shown a sagacity that produced profitable returns.

On July 2, 1870, Mr. McVey was happily united in marriage to Mrs. Julia Mullhattan, who has been to him a true wife and valued assistant. In the earlier years she ran the store while he worked in the mines and she also assisted in managing the boarding house.

Mr. McVey has always been identified with the democratic party and in 1881 a petition was circulated for his appointment as postmaster of Tilton. This position he held for twenty-six years, through various national administrations, retiring after appointing an assistant to whom he also turned over his general store in 1907. He has served with credit to himself and his party in various local positions, among them as commissioner of highways and also as a member of the county board of supervisors. He was reared in the faith of the Catholic church and through life has been governed in an important degree by its teachings. He holds membership in the Knights of Columbus and the Grand Army of the Republic and for many years has been recognized as a public-spirited and enterprising citizen who, having made his own way in the world, recognizes the difficulties that others must overcome and is always ready and willing to assist those less fortunate than himself. He is a man of sterling qualities who is universally respected in this part of the county because he deserves it.

JAMES CHANDLER WOODBURY.

James Chandler Woodbury, an attorney at law of Danville, is now enjoying an extensive and lucrative practice, which has come to him as the reward of earnest endeavor and recognized ability. He was born in this city on the 31st of January, 1870, and is a son of James Hazard and Sarah Jane (Chandler) Woodbury, both of whom are now deceased. The father, who was born in Ripley county, Indiana, June 8, 1832, passed away January 28, 1885. During the latter part of his life he was actively engaged in the general insurance business. The mother of our subject died on the 7th of February, 1870.

Reared in the city of his birth, James Chandler Woodbury obtained his elementary education in the public schools and later attended the Rose Polytechnic Institute at Terra Haute, Indiana. He afterward studied law under the direction of Judge Kimbrough and was admitted to the bar in 1895. He at once opened an office in Danville and has since engaged in practice in this city. His logical grasp of facts and principles of the law applicable to them has been a potent element in his success and a remarkable clearness of expression, an adequate and precise diction, which enables him to make others understand not only the salient points of his argument but his fine gradation of meaning, may be accounted one of his most conspicuous gifts and accomplishments.

Mr. Woodbury was married in Lovington, Illinois, March 18, 1891, to Miss Mertie L. Foster, a daughter of John A. and Adelia (Bicknell) Foster, honored early settlers of Moultrie county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury have one son, Bicknell J., now fourteen years of age, attending the high school of Danville.

Mr. Woodbury votes independently but has taken quite an active interest in public affairs. He is today an honored member of the Vermilion County Bar Association and is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the First Presbyterian church. He has attained an enviable position in the ranks of the legal fraternity in this part of the state and in professional and social circles alike has won a host of warm friends.

W. H. STARR, M. D.

Dr. W. H. Starr is the proprietor of the Starr Sanitarium, a private institution, which is the only one of the kind in Danville. It fills a long-felt need here and its splendid modern equipment is an excellent supplement to the ability which is displayed in the care of the patients. Dr. Starr is a substantial representative of the medical fraternity here and his wide reading is constantly broadening his knowledge and promoting his efficiency.

He was born in Vermilion county, May 26, 1876, and his parents, Jared R. and Mary (Potter) Starr, were also natives of this county. The former was a son of Solomon P. Starr, a native of New York, who came to Vermilion county in pioneer times and aided in the early development and progress of this part of the state. Several of his sons served as soldiers in the Civil war and both Barney and Philip died on the field of battle, thus giving their lives as a ransom to their country. Solomon P. Starr followed the occupation of farming and the same pursuit claimed the attention of Jared R. Starr. The latter has devoted his entire life to general agricultural pursuits and is now living about eight miles from Danville. His wife was a daughter of William Potter, who came to Vermilion county in early days, so that Dr. Starr of this review is descended from two of the old pioneer families of Illinois.

In the public schools Dr. Starr began his education and afterward attended the Green College at Hoopeston. He later took up the study of medicine and was graduated from the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons in June,

1904. He afterward spent one year in Jefferson Hospital in St. Louis and the broad and practical training which he there received splendidly qualified him for the onerous duties which have devolved upon him in the private practice of his profession. In 1905 he came to Danville, where he has since been located, and was engaged in general practice here until the spring of 1908, when he opened a private hospital, which he called the Starr Sanitarium. For this purpose he first rented the old Wilkins residence on Hazel street and as success attended him and the future looked bright, he built the present sanitarium which is a modern structure, containing twenty-two rooms, which are fitted up with all the conveniences that promote medical and surgical practice and aid in the success of the work. It is the only institution of the kind in the city and has proved a valuable addition to the community. The utmost care is given to all cases and the constantly increasing ability of Dr. Starr enables the institution to do good service for its patrons.

In December, 1899, Dr. Starr was married to Miss Bertha Justus, a native of Vermilion county and a daughter of George Justus, who for many years was a merchant of Danville, after which he removed to Potomac, where he remained in business until his death. His wife bore the maiden name of Hannah Swisher and was a native of Vermilion county. The Starr family consists of two sons, Byron Justus and Jared R. Dr. Starr belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Country Club. He has those personal qualities which make for popularity and has gained many friends outside of professional circles. He keeps in close touch with profession through comprehensive reading and research, and his ability in his chosen calling is pronounced.

AMOS SEYMOUR.

Amos Seymour, owner of a fine farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres in Oakwood township, and now living retired in the village of Oakwood, was born near Crawfordsville, Indiana, February 3, 1846. He is a son of Hutton and Eveline (Allen) Seymour, his father a native of Virginia and his mother of Kentucky. When the subject of our review was ten years of age his parents removed to Vermilion county, Illinois, and located upon a farm, the father at the time of his death, February 25, 1882, being the owner of one hundred and twenty acres, which he had acquired by years of industry. The mother departed this life in 1898. Nine children were born to them: Susan and William, who are deceased; Anna; Amos; Frances, now living at Rossville, Iowa; America, also living at Rossville; Mary L., living in southern Illinois; Phoebe E., of Vermilion county; and Richard, who also lives in Vermilion county.

Amos Seymour was reared upon the home farm and educated in the district schools. As a boy he showed a strong inclination for farming pursuits and under his father he became one of the capable and enterprising agriculturists of the region. He continued upon the home place and after the death of his parents came into possession of the homestead, which he has in many respects improved by the application of up-to-date methods, and the farm now comprises one hun-

dred and thirty-five acres under a high state of cultivation. In 1907 he retired to Oakwood, where he owns one of the finest residences in the town.

On the 4th of March, 1900, Mr. Seymour was united in marriage to Mrs. Sarah I. (Hewitt) Bannatta, and four children resulted from the union: Mary A., the wife of Fred Biggs; Taylor C., a resident of Vermilion county; and Charles and Harley, twins, who died in infancy. Mrs. Seymour is a daughter of Eli M. and Artinetia (Holston) Hewitt, natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. Mr. Hewitt was an early settler of Illinois and was a soldier in the Union army at the time of the Civil war, receiving a wound which caused his death. His widow is now living in Oakwood township at the age of seventy-five years. She is the mother of three children, Sarah I., Charles Wesley and Eli F. Mrs. Seymour is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has proven to her husband a loving and helpful companion.

Mr. Seymour gives his support to the democratic party and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, whose principles of helpfulness have always found in his heart a cordial response. He is now living in the enjoyment of the results of many years of patient industry and on account of his high character and faithful discharge of his obligations he has earned the respect of the community where he has been known for more than half a century and where he has contributed his share toward the permanent welfare of those with whom he has been associated.

LAFAYETTE GOODWINE.

Lafayette Goodwine is one of the extensive landowners of Vermilion county who in the spring of 1910 retired from active farming and now has leisure to engage in those activities which are merely a source of pleasure and interest. The creditable position to which he has attained as one of the men of affluence in Vermilion county is attributable to his own labors, the careful direction of his business affairs and to judicious investment.

He is a native of the neighboring state of Indiana, his birth having occurred at Jordan township, Warren county, on the 27th of February, 1846. He is a son of Harrison and Isabelle (Charlton) Goodwine, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Ireland. Settling in Warren county, Indiana, they became well known residents of that district, the father devoting his life to farming and stock-raising.

Lafayette Goodwine pursued his education in the district schools of his native county and through the periods of vacation assisted his father to the age of eighteen years. In 1863 he enlisted as a member of Company K, Eleventh Indiana Cavalry, for his patriotic nature was aroused by the continued attempt of the south to overthrow the Union. He continued in active service for two years and was engaged in a number of important battles, being mustered out on the 15th of September, 1865, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. When the war was over and the country no longer needed his military aid, he returned to his home in Indiana, where he remained for about two years. His father then



Lafayette Goodwine

offered to give him one hundred and sixty acres of land in Vermilion county but Mr. Goodwine did not care to engage in farming then. Finally, however, he compromised by purchasing the land from his father and in 1867 came to Vermilion county, settling four miles southeast of Hoopeston. During the first few years in which he carried on agricultural pursuits here he barely made expenses but never gave up, displaying the strong determination which is one of his marked characteristics and which has enabled him to attain success where many a man of less resolute spirit would have failed. Gradually his farm became more and more productive and his financial returns proportionately greater. Thus from time to time he added to his land until he had eight hundred and forty acres of as fine farm property as is to be found in Illinois. He continued in active farming until the spring of 1910, when he leased four hundred acres of his land to a canning company and also rented the remainder, the rental therefrom bringing him a most gratifying annual income. He is now living retired save for the supervision which he gives to his property interests. This land, which he purchased in the early days, has increased tenfold in value and is now worth at least one hundred and seventy-five dollars per acre.

On the 12th of November, 1866, Mr. Goodwine was married to Miss Ann Wagoner, a daughter of Steven and Julia Ann Wagoner, who resided in Iroquois and Vermilion counties; but both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwine have one daughter, Julia Ann, the wife of Edward Norton, of Hoopeston.

The family are prominent socially, the hospitality of the best homes of Hoopeston and the county being cordially extended them. Mr. Goodwine maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic and manifests the same loyalty to the old flag that he did when following it upon southern battlefields. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has voted with the republican party and regards its principles as essential elements in good government. While now one of the prosperous men of Vermilion county, his enviable financial position is attributable entirely to his own efforts. In America "labor is king," and he found that diligence and determination would overcome obstacles and difficulties and bring substantial returns. His life work is measured in tangible terms of success, and his position also represents effort of a most honorable character, his prosperity never being gained at the sacrifice of another's interests.

O. P. CLARK.

O. P. Clark, cashier of the First National Bank of Georgetown and well known in financial circles in Vermilion county, was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, on the 17th of February, 1867, and is a son of J. G. Clark, president of the bank, of whom mention is made on another page of this volume. The family removed to Vermilion county in 1871, when O. P. Clark was a little lad of four years. He was reared upon the home farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He first attended the country schools but ambitious for further education entered the Vermilion Academy, from which he was graduated in 1884. He was afterward a

student in Earlham College at Richmond, Indiana, for four years, and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1889. In 1910 he was appointed a member of the board of trustees of that school. After leaving school he engaged in teaching in Vermilion county for a year and for two years followed the same profession in Bartholomew county, Indiana.

In April, 1892, Mr. Clark came to Georgetown and entered a private bank, which was reorganized as the First National Bank in 1900, he becoming cashier at that time. He has remained in that position for ten years and has established himself firmly in public regard as one of the leading and reliable financiers of the county. He is also president of the First National Bank of Westville, which he purchased in December, 1905, while A. L. Somers is filling the position of cashier, and J. Frank Heyworth that of vice president. Mr. Clark has also operated in real estate, owning and controlling property in Georgetown and in Westville. He has laid out additions in both towns and in all matters of business displays sound judgment and unremitting industry. These qualities have carried him forward to success and made him one of the leading citizens of the part of the county in which he operates.

In 1893 Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Ada E. Elliott, a native of Elwood township, this county, and a daughter of John M. Elliott, who was prominent in county affairs, being very active in political circles. His occupation was that of farming. He married Sarah M. Mendenhall, whose father, John Mendenhall, was one of the early residents of this part of the state. Seven children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Clark, namely; Ruth, Elma, Zola, John, Mary, Orren and Iola.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Clark are members of the Society of Friends and come of ancestry connected with the sect. His fraternal relations are with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, and he is loyal to the teachings of all these different organizations. He is active in politics, serving for years as chairman of the township committee, and for a long period has been a delegate to nearly every state convention. He has firm faith in the principles of the party and their ultimate triumph and does all in his power to secure their adoption. He is recognized as a prominent factor in Georgetown, his influence being felt along many lines which affect the public welfare.

HENRY B. JONES.

Henry B. Jones, who spent his last days in Danville and enjoyed the respect and good-will of all who knew him, was a representative of one of the old pioneer families that settled in the district now included in western Indiana and eastern Illinois. The maternal grandfather was Wright Taylor, a soldier of the war of 1812. Our subject's father was Hiram Jones, a native of North Carolina, who, after arriving at years of maturity, wedded Sarah Taylor, a native of Kentucky. They were married in the Blue Grass state in 1819 and soon afterward crossed the Ohio river into Indiana and took up their abode on Otter creek in Vigo county. The following winter they removed to Fountain county, Indiana,

settling at the forks of Cold creek, and two years later Hiram Jones purchased the land upon which the town of Rob Roy now stands. He afterward sold that property to J. I. Foster but was for some time there engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He lived to witness much of the growth and development of his part of the county and continued a respected and valued resident of the community until his death, which occurred on the 16th of January, 1878. His wife survived him for only a brief period and passed away on the 11th of July of the same year.

Henry B. Jones was born in Fountain county, Indiana, upon the home farm on which he spent the greater part of his life. He was educated in the schools there and through the periods of vacation worked in the fields, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. As the years passed on he began farming on his own account and throughout his active life was identified with the work of tilling the soil and cultivating the crops. He kept in touch with progressive methods of farming and his property gave evidence in its thrifty appearance of his careful supervision and practical methods.

On the 17th of February, 1861, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Joanna D. Meeker, a daughter of Usual H. Meeker. She was born March 18, 1842, and by her marriage became the mother of two sons: Lorenzo, now living in Danville; and Oliver M., who is a graduate of the law department of the Michigan University at Ann Arbor. He also lives in this city, with office in the McDonald building.

The father of Mrs. Jones was Usual H. Meeker, a native of Tompkins county, New York, born on the 12th of October, 1811. In the early days he purchased some government land in Fountain county, Indiana, and in 1832 made a trip on horseback to the west to look at his property. In 1836 he removed to that county and as the years passed by invested more and more largely in land until he had extensive property interests. He also became one of the prominent men of the county and was more or less active in public life. For the last twenty years of his life he engaged in loaning money and bought and sold much land, his investments being very judiciously made. On the 27th of November, 1831, he was united in marriage to Miss Sallie Dudley and they reared a large family of children, including Joanna D. Meeker, now the widow of Henry B. Jones.

In his business affairs Henry B. Jones displayed sound judgment and unfaltering industry and became a very successful farmer and stock-raiser. He owned a productive and valuable tract of land of five hundred and thirty-five acres situated in Shawnee township, Fountain county. There he lived for some time and his carefully controlled interests brought him substantial prosperity. He kept everything upon his place in good repair, had substantial buildings there and utilized the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. At length he removed to Danville in 1903, retiring from active business, his remaining days being spent in the enjoyment of well earned rest.

In politics Mr. Jones was ever a stalwart republican, giving unwavering support to the party and its principles, for he believed that its platform contained the best elements of good government. He served as a trustee of Shawnee township from 1870 until 1876 and his duties as such were discharged with

promptness and fidelity. His fraternal relations were with the Masons and he was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, doing all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. His life was in many respects exemplary and when he passed away on the 29th of March, 1904, the community felt the loss of a worthy citizen and one who merited the high regard in which he was uniformly held.

GEORGE SANDERSON TALLMAN.

Through a residence of thirty years in and near Hoopeston, George Sanderson Tallman firmly entrenched himself in the affection and regard of those with whom he came in contact, while his business ability gained him a place among the representative and valued residents of the community. He was born near Hamilton, Ontario, on the 4th of January, 1841, a son of Sheppard and Christina (Althouse) Tallman, both of whom were descended from early Pennsylvania farmers who in colonial days were established in the Keystone state. The Tallmans were of English descent, while the Althouse family came of Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry. About 1838 the parents of George S. Tallman removed to Canada, and the father became a prominent and influential farmer there.

George Sanderson Tallman acquired his education in his native country, although his opportunities in that direction were somewhat limited, for he was only nine years of age when his father died, after which he assisted his brothers on the farm in order to support the family, attending school only through the winter months when his services were not needed in the work of the fields. He remained upon the old home farm in Canada until twenty-five years of age, when he sold his interest in the place to his eldest brother, Joe Tallman, and came to the middle west with another brother, Sheppard Tallman. Illinois was their destination and they settled in Minonk, Woodford county, in 1868. The subject of this review leased a farm there and continued its cultivation for about eight years, during which period he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economical expenditure had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase land.

In 1876 Mr. Tallman removed to Vermilion county and invested in a farm near the site of Hoopeston. He there carried on general agricultural pursuits until about a year prior to his death, when he retired from active business life and removed to Hoopeston, selling his farm. While actively engaged in agricultural pursuits he was known as a diligent, enterprising man, whose labors brought substantial results. Whatever he undertook he carried forward to successful completion and he realized that progressive methods were an element in his financial advancement. He practiced the rotation of crops and utilized the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields, which in due time became very productive, returning to him substantial harvests annually. On his retirement a year prior to his death he removed to Hoopeston, having sold his farm.

It was on the 13th of December, 1871, that Mr. Tallman was united in marriage in Milford, Illinois, to Miss Sarah J. Peterson, a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Padon) Peterson, who removed to western Indiana from New Jersey in 1856 and later took up their abode in Woodford county, Illinois, her father becoming a well known and wealthy farmer of that locality, but in the latter years of his life lived retired. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Tallman were born two children: Hattie A., the wife of W. J. Willis, a farmer of Vermilion county, by whom she had four children, Muriel W., Fern A., Frank G. and Thena, now deceased; and Alice B., who is at home with her mother.

The death of Mr. Tallman occurred in Hoopeston, February 20, 1906, after a residence of thirty years in this county. He was a republican in his political support for many years but later aided in the prohibition movement. For over twenty-five years he was a member of the Baptist church and conformed his life to its teachings. He was very fond of horses and always kept a number of fine animals. He was a lover of music, that art contributing much to his enjoyment. He had also high appreciation for the social amenities of life but prized above all else his home and the companionship of his wife and daughters. He rejoiced in his success because it enabled him to provide them with the comforts of life, and he ever sought their welfare before his own, regarding no personal sacrifice on his part too great if it would promote the happiness of his family.

WALTER JOHN BOOKWALTER.

Walter John Bookwalter is prominently connected with that profession which has an important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community and one which has long been considered as conserving the public welfare by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights. In June, 1906, he entered upon the practice of law at Danville, where his ability has already gained for him a large clientele of an important character.

He is one of Danville's native sons, his birth occurring on the 8th of February, 1882, and his parents are Ferdinand and Hannah M. (Meeker) Bookwalter. During his boyhood days he attended the public schools of this city and was graduated from the high school in 1900. Later he entered Michigan University, where he pursued a literary course of two years and also took up the study of law, being graduated from the latter department in 1906. He was then admitted to the bar and has since engaged in general practice in Danville, where he opened an office in June, 1906, under the firm name of Jones & Bookwalter. He is today regarded as one of the leading attorneys of the city and has established a very satisfactory practice.

On the 20th of March, 1909, in Danville, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Bookwalter to Miss Grace M. Balsley, a daughter of William A. Balsley, who is now a resident of Chicago but was for many years one of Vermilion county's honored citizens. This union has been blessed by one child, John M. Bookwalter, whose birth occurred February 20, 1910.

Mr. Bookwalter is a Master Mason and an Elk and is also a member of the One Hundred Thousand Club. Religiously he holds membership in the First Presbyterian church and politically is identified with the republican party. He is interested in community affairs, taking an active and helpful part along many lines of general progress, and is today regarded as one of the leading and public-spirited citizens of his native city. He is, however, preeminently a lawyer with a deep interest in judicial affairs, while his devotion to his client's interests is proverbial.

JAMES M. COOK, JR.

An excellent property of four hundred acres stood as a monument to the industry and well directed efforts of James M. Cook, Jr., when he was called to his final rest after many years devoted to agricultural pursuits. His entire life was spent within the borders of Vermilion county, Illinois, where his birth occurred on the 1st of March, 1841. He was a son of James and Susan (Moyers) Cook, natives of Ohio, who came to Vermilion county at an early day, where they both died. In their family were eleven children.

James M. Cook, Jr., was reared upon the home farm and to the common schools of this county is indebted for the educational advantages enjoyed during the period of his boyhood and youth. He early became familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad as, during the summer months, he assisted in the work of the fields, and he gained thorough and comprehensive training in the various branches of agriculture, so that when he attained his majority he was well equipped for the practical and responsible duties that came to him upon entering the business world on his own account. He chose as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared, and from the beginning he prospered, his success coming to him as the logical result of industry, energy and perseverance. As he was able he added to his property holdings until, at the time of his death, he was the owner of four hundred acres of rich and valuable farm land which his widow has since sold for one hundred and sixty-five dollars per acre. He early realized the fact that labor is the basis of all success and his close application and sound judgment enabled him to acquire a competency which, at the time of his demise, left his family in the comfortable circumstances which they now enjoy.

Mr. Cook was first married March 9, 1862, to Miss Judith McCabe, a native of Indiana, who died May 22, 1876, leaving four children: Minnie, the wife of Ed Richards; Susie, the wife of John Nesbitt; Mollie, the wife of Thomas Ruzie; and Daisy, the wife of Ed Nesbitt. Each of these daughters has two children and all reside in Vermilion county. It was on the 18th of January, 1877, that Mr. Cook was united in marriage to Miss Eliza J. Gerrard, who was born in this county as were also her parents, Jacob and Sarah (Stephens) Gerrard, who are now deceased. Their family consisted of eight children, which number included Mrs. Cook, who by marriage became the mother of four children, as follows: Emerson, a resident of New Mexico; Ira, deceased; Ethel

Othel, the wife of Frank Swann, of Colorado, by whom she has one son, Charles M., and Clarence A., yet at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook were members of the Church of Christ, of Catlin, and it was in the faith of that church that Mr. Cook passed away, his death occurring November 4, 1894. He had been a stalwart democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and had been an active worker in party ranks, at the same time manifesting a deep interest in the public welfare of the community. His influence was ever upon the side of progress and improvement, and his salient qualities were those which make for honorable manhood and good citizenship, so that with his passing Vermilion county lost one of her honored and valued representatives. During the dark days of the Civil war he joined the boys in blue, enlisting in August, 1862, in Company K. One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, of which company his brother George W. was captain. He remained in the service until the close of the war and was promoted from corporal to third sergeant and later to orderly sergeant. He participated in the battles of Perryville, Chickamauga, Atlanta, Nashville, Jonesboro and in fact most of the engagements in which his regiment took part.

Since her husband's death Mrs. Cook has proven herself most capable in the management of the estate left by him, and personally conducts all business connected therewith. She has sold the property which he had acquired, realizing a handsome sum therefrom, and now makes her home in Catlin. She here owns a beautiful residence on Vermilion street, which is well known by reason of its warm-hearted hospitality. She is a lady of most estimable traits, and during her residence in this city has won a circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of her acquaintances.

R. K. BYERLY.

R. K. Byerly, the proprietor of the Catlin elevator, of which he became the owner in 1909, is in the conduct thereof doing a large shipping business, being one of the extensive grain dealers in this section of the county. Catlin township claims him as a native son, his birth here occurring on the 3d of September, 1878. He is a son of I. N. and Dicie (Goff) Byerly, both natives of Indiana, who came to Illinois about 1870. They located in Catlin township, Vermilion county, and continue to make this their home.

Born and reared within the borders of Catlin township, R. K. Byerly attended the public schools here in the acquirement of his education and remained with his parents until attaining his majority, when, seeking the opportunities offered by the city, he left the farm and went to Chicago, where for about two years he was employed by the firm of Sears, Roebuck & Company. At the expiration of that period he returned to Catlin township and was here married on the 18th of September, 1902, to Miss Alinna Benson, of Fairmont, Vermilion county. Mrs. Byerly was one of four children born unto O. C. and Matilda Benson, natives of Sweden, who came to America at an early day. They were married in Danville, Illinois, and later removed to Fairmont, where

the mother passed away in August, 1907. The father survives and continues to make that city his home.

After his marriage Mr. Byerly came to this city to take charge of the Catlin elevator and continued as its manager for two years when, in 1904, in company with his wife, he made a trip to California, remaining upon the western coast for eighteen months. Upon his return he again assumed the management of the grain business, conducting its interests until 1909, when he purchased the elevator and has since become one of the extensive dealers in grain in this locality, shipping about one hundred and fifty thousand bushels each year. He carefully studies grain conditions, keeping in close touch with the market, and thus knows when and where to buy and sell to the best advantage, and his keen business insight and careful management are proving salient elements in a prosperity which is ranking him among the substantial business men of Catlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Byerly hold membership in the Church of Christ at Catlin and occupy a high place in the social circles in which they move. Mr. Byerly is identified with Catlin Lodge, No. 538, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the chairs, serving as its present secretary. Politically he is a republican, serving as a member of the village board, of which he was at one time treasurer. Reared amid the busy activities of rural life, his education being merely that covered by the curriculum of the common schools, his record is another illustration of the fact that success in the business world is not so much a matter of unusual characteristics or of fortunate circumstances but results rather from the development of one's latent powers and talents and from close application and ready utilization of opportunities such as are met with in the life of almost every individual. A man of upright character and honorable principles, his dealings with his fellowmen have ever conformed to the highest standard of commercial ethics, and he is honored and respected by all with whom he has come in contact.

· PHILIP CADLE.

Philip Cadle is one of the prominent business men of Vermilion county. The owner of landed interests and extensively engaged in stock-raising, he is the proprietor of the Ideal Stock Farm, comprising about one thousand acres on the Attica road, about two and one-half miles from the town of Rossville. No commercial enterprise is more carefully organized or more systematically controlled than are the farming and stock-raising interests of Philip Cadle, upon whose place are a large number of employes, each in charge of especially assigned tasks. In all of his business interests Mr. Cadle displays keen discrimination, and his unfaltering energy has enabled him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles in his path and work his way steadily upward.

A native of England, he was born on the 22d of February, 1849, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Saunders) Cadle, who came with their family to the new world in 1853 and made their way direct to Attica, Indiana. The



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Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cadle

father was a well educated man whose keen intelligence enabled him to recognize and take advantage of the opportunities that offered. He was a farmer by occupation and after arriving in this country worked on the Wabash Railroad for about a year. He afterward purchased land in Vermilion county, Illinois, devoting a considerable period to general agricultural pursuits, after which he retired to private life, enjoying in the evening of his days a well earned rest. His original holdings were one hundred and sixty acres. When he had converted that tract into an improved farm he sold it and invested in two hundred and ten acres of land near Ogden, Illinois. Later he sold that property and removed to Homer, Illinois, where his last days were passed, his death occurring in 1892, while his wife passed away in 1890, at the age of seventy-seven years. During the period of their residence in Illinois their good qualities had gained them many warm friends and they were ranked with the leading and representative citizens of the community.

Philip Cadle, a little lad of four years when brought to the new world, began his education as a pupil in the public schools of Indiana and through the periods of vacation he worked upon the home farm. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois and continued his studies in the district schools near his father's home. The training at farm labor was comprehensive, bringing him into close touch with all the branches of farm work, so that his practical understanding thereof enables him to wisely direct the labors of those who now serve him. In 1869, when he was twenty years of age, he began operating the home farm on shares, his father giving him a horse which, however, was the only assistance that he received. The following year he left home and rented a tract of land in Ross township, planting two hundred acres to corn. Success attended him in the venture and for four years he remained upon that property, his labors being attended with substantial success. He then turned his attention to the cattle business, purchasing a herd of one hundred head and thus started in a stock-raising enterprise which has become one of extensive proportions. In 1878 he purchased his present home place, comprising three hundred and eighty-one acres of land and by close application and good management since that time he has steadily progressed financially and is today one of the extensive landowners and one of the most successful stock-raisers of the county, his landed possessions aggregating over one thousand, three hundred acres. There are eight tenant houses and nine families upon the farm and Mr. Cadle is recognized as one of the most prominent stock-farmers of Vermilion county. He is also engaged in loaning money and the various branches of his business are proving a source of gratifying profit.

On the 27th of October, 1875, Mr. Cadle was married to Miss America Seymour, a daughter of Hutten Seymour. The family numbers four children: Lilian, now the wife of Hays Ross; Maud, the wife of Samuel Miller; George S., who married Alma Briggs and has one son, John Philip; and Dora, at home. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Cadle has been a member from the age of sixteen years. He has taken an active and helpful part in church work, has guided his life by its principles and for a long period has served as one of the elders in the church. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and on several occasions he has been called

to serve in local offices, acting as supervisor of the county for four years, as clerk and president of the school board for thirteen years and as school trustee. He has ever manifested a deep and helpful interest in those projects which are of vital significance to the welfare of the community and his cooperation therein has been far-reaching and beneficial. His is a notable record of a self-made man who, achieving a large measure of success, has in all his life record no esoteric chapters. His course has at all times conformed to strict business principles and honorable methods, his path never being strewn with the wreck of other men's fortunes. His business integrity as well as his prosperity forms the fitting crown of a well spent life.

JOHN WESLEY CREIGHTON.

John Wesley Creighton, a prosperous farmer of Vermilion county and well known for many years as a thresher of grain, also has talents in other lines that have reflected credit upon himself and those with whom he has been associated. He was born in Rochester, Sangamon county, Illinois, February 4, 1858, and is a son of Isaac L. and Comfort Ellen (Cary) Creighton. When he was a year old his parents left Sangamon county and went to Ohio, locating near Marietta, where they remained until 1865. Returning to Illinois, they took up their residence on a farm near Armstrong, where the subject of this review continued until 1882. From that place he went to Hitchcock, Dakota, remaining at the latter place for six years. Becoming convinced that the state of his birth presented better inducemens than any other he had seen, he returned to Illinois, where he has since continued.

Educated in the common schools, Mr. Creighton has also learned a great deal by observation and by reading, and in many respects he is an unusually well informed man. For thirty-three years past he has threshed grain in Vermilion county, starting out with an old J. I. Case ground horse power. He next made use of a two-wheel machine, then a machine that traveled on four wheels, but was driven by horse power. He and his brother were the owners of an up-to-date steam thresher and he is known as one of the most active and energetic men in his line to be found in this section of the state. He has been quite successful in farming and he and his wife own a well improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres, fully supplied with all modern appliances and conducted on the best known principles. Mr. Creighton has devoted a great deal of time to the study of breeding and as a result of his investigations he became the originator of the Black Plymouth Rock chicken. He also specializes along the lines of Percheron horses and Duroc Jersey hogs and has produced some of the finest animals of these breeds that have been seen in Vermilion county. He is a persistent student and investigator and has established a reputation in the specialties which he has chosen.

On December 24, 1881, Mr. Creighton was united in marriage to Miss Elzora Gerard. Of this union three children were born, one of whom is living, Clarence Elmer, a farmer of Pilot township, this county. Mrs. Creighton departed

this life May 21, 1887, while the family were living near Hitchcock, Dakota. On October 15, 1891, Mr. Creighton was married to Miss Susanna Frye, a native of Waynesburg, Greene county, Pennsylvania, where she was born June 2, 1867. She is the daughter of Harvey and Miranda Frye, both now deceased. There were six children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Frye, two sons and four daughters. Four children have blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Creighton: Harvey, who is now deceased; William Ralph, born April 3, 1897; Laura Naomi, born October 4, 1901; and Lowell Wesley, born May 30, 1906.

Mr. Creighton was reared a democrat but, having observed the evil effects of alcoholic liquors, he has for some years been a strong advocate of prohibition. He has never sought political preferment but has served as school director of his district. In his boyhood the subject of this review experienced a religious conversion which has been one of the important forces in controlling his life and the effect of which is to be perceived in much of the work he has accomplished. At the age of twelve he gave five dollars toward the construction of his home church, No. 10 Christian church, two dollars of which was earned in the harvest field of a neighbor on the Fourth of July. For six years past he has been president of the Loyal Sunday School Army of Vermilion county, one of the great rejuvenating forces of this part of the state. For four years he served as superintendent of the Pilot township Sunday schools and since 1900 he has been presiding elder of the Church of Christ. In all his acts he aims to be controlled by the great Book whose teachings he has always regarded as directly inspired and as the only safe guidance in life.

HENRY LLOYD.

Illinois has drawn many of her enterprising residents from the old world— young men who have come across the water to enjoy the better business opportunities of the United States, where competition is greater but where success is more quickly secured. Among those whom England has contributed to the citizenship of the state is numbered Henry Lloyd, one of the extensive land-owners and substantial agriculturists of Vermilion county. He was born on the 5th of April, 1841, a son of Richard R. and Susan B. (Wicks) Lloyd, who were also natives of England, where their entire lives were spent. Of their family of seven children only two are now living, the elder son, William, making his home in London, England, where he is employed as government inspector of meats.

The other surviving member of the family, Henry Lloyd, was reared in his parents' home in England and in that country acquired a good common-school education. He was but seventeen years of age when he crossed the Atlantic, the call of America proving too alluring to resist. He landed on the shores of the new world in 1858 and immediately made his way to Illinois, locating in Vermilion county, where for two years he followed the carpenter's trade. He then rented a farm and was identified with agricultural pursuits until 1862, when, putting aside all personal interests, he responded to the call

of his adopted country and enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry. He remained with his regiment throughout the remainder of the war and in the meantime took part in many important battles, while he also participated in Sherman's famous march to the sea. After three years of hard service he was mustered out at Washington, D. C., and returned to Illinois with a most creditable military career.

Upon his return to civil life Mr. Lloyd again located in Vermilion county, where he purchased a large number of cattle and other stock and was engaged in the butchering business for two years, after which he invested in eighty acres of land in Catlin township, upon which he made his home for six years. At the expiration of that period he sold out and purchased a tract of land adjoining the corporation limits of Catlin, consisting of two hundred and forty acres of the Harvey Sandusky estate. Upon this farm he has since continued to make his home, devoting his time and energies to its further development, and with the passing years his well directed efforts have brought it under a high state of cultivation, making of it one of the well improved properties of the township. He has been most successful as an agriculturist, as is indicated by the fact that he has been able, from time to time, to add to his landed possessions until he now owns, besides his home farm, fifty acres elsewhere in Catlin township, and five hundred and twenty acres of land in Kansas, constituting him one of the large property holders in his section of the county. Placing his dependence entirely upon the safe and substantial foundation of energy and wise management, he has worked his way upward in the agricultural world until his present enviable position has been reached, being recognized as one of the most prosperous farmers of Catlin township. He has, however, to some extent withdrawn from active life, leaving the management of his farm to his sons, and is now, after many years of earnest toil and unfaltering labor, able to enjoy in well earned rest the comforts afforded by a substantial competency.

It was in 1861 that Mr. Lloyd was united in marriage, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah Church, who was also a native of England, her birth occurring in London. She is one of two surviving members in a family of nine children who were born to Henry and Sophia (Puzey) Church, now deceased. The parents, who were both born in England, came to America in 1850 and here passed their remaining days. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd were born ten children, four of whom died in infancy. The others were: Edwin, who has now passed away; Frederick R., operating a portion of the home farm; Louisa M., the wife of A. Wolfe, of Vermilion county; Alice S., who married F. H. Meneley, of this county; Edwin H., also engaged in farming on the home place; and William R., now deceased.

Mrs. Lloyd holds membership in the Presbyterian church of Catlin, while Mr. Lloyd is identified with Catlin Lodge, No. 285, A. F. & A. M., in which he has filled part of the chairs. In politics he gives stanch allegiance to the republican party and has been active in the public life of the community for a number of years, serving for six years as commis-

sioner, as collector for two years and as a member of the school board for six years, in every instance manifesting a loyal devotion to duty that won for him the approval and commendation of his fellow citizens. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been awarded due recognition of earnest labor, for with the passing years he has found the opportunity for advancement which he sought in the new world and has never had occasion to regret his decision to try his fortunes here. Moreover, his adopted country has ever found in him a stanch advocate of her laws and institutions, remaining as loyal a citizen in the time of peace as when he championed the cause of the Union in the dark days of the Civil war.

JOSEPH C. VANCE.

Joseph C. Vance, whose life record covered the intervening years between the 2d of June, 1844, and the 17th of January, 1904, was during that period a resident of Vermilion county, spending a considerable portion of the time in Danville. His life was characterized by unfaltering loyalty in every relation. He proved himself a valorous soldier upon the field of battle and a trustworthy official in his home locality. Those who knew him—and he had a wide acquaintance—spoke of him only in terms of high regard.

He was born in Oakwood township, a son of John W. and Deziah (Rathbone) Vance. The father was a native of Germany, where he spent his early boyhood, and then crossed the Atlantic with his parents in 1822. They did not tarry on the eastern coast but made their way at once into the interior of the country, settling in Oakwood township, Vermilion county. It was upon the old homestead farm there that John W. Vance was reared, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Later he conducted salt works and also engaged in farming on his own account. His business affairs were capably managed and his careful control of the interests that were his brought him in time to a position among the successful business men of the city. He died in 1856 at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife survived him for nine years, passing away in 1865 at the age of fifty-two years. They were the parents of nine children but only two are now living: Lena G., the wife of Samuel Tilton, of Catlin, this county; and Bridget, who is living in Danville.

The district schools of Vermilion county afforded Joseph C. Vance his early educational privileges. He attended school until fourteen years of age and then, putting aside his text-books, started out to make his own way in the world. He was identified with farming interests in his native township for some time and in 1888 became a resident of Danville. During much of the period of his residence here he was connected with official service and for five years was a capable member of the police force. He was afterward appointed to the office of deputy sheriff under J. W. Newlon, serving for three years, and in 1899 he was elected justice of the peace to fill out the unexpired term of Park T. Martin. The capability which he displayed during that period led to his elec-

tion for the office at the regular election in the spring of 1901. He never faltered in the performance of any duty and his official service was always mentioned in terms of respect and admiration.

Mr. Vance gave no greater proof of his loyalty to the best interests of the country than by his active service on southern battle fields at the time of the Civil war. In the second year of that long sanguinary struggle he offered his services to the government, being assigned to duty with Company A, Seventy-first Illinois Regiment, and on the expiration of his term of three months he reenlisted, becoming a member of Company F, Twenty-sixth Illinois Infantry. His service included the march to the sea under General Sherman, a march that proved the inefficiency of the Confederate troops to defend the interior, their forces having already been drawn to the border. He took part in all of the engagements of the Atlanta campaign in 1864 and was on active duty with his command until mustered out at the close of hostilities, receiving an honorable discharge in July, 1865. His was a creditable military record, characterized by unswerving fidelity whether on the field of battle or on the lonely picket line. He never questioned the right of the officers to give commands for required service, and was actuated at all times by the loyal spirit that prompted thousands of brave men to leave their homes in the north and upon southern battlefields defend the Union cause.

In 1869 occurred the marriage of Joseph Vance and Miss Lydia E. Mathewman, of this county. Unto them were born six children: Alta, who is now the wife of James Garringer; John F.; Alberta, who married Samuel Sailor; Josephine; Ethel; and Deane. Mr. Vance was identified with a number of fraternities including the Knights of the Globe, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Masons, and in his life he exemplified the beneficent principles upon which those orders are founded. His political support was always given to the republican party and never in his life did he waver in his allegiance to a political principle or to any cause which he believed would prove of direct benefit. He was about sixty years of age at the time of his death, which caused deep regret among his many friends, who had learned to esteem him for his worth. Although he did not seek to figure prominently before the public, he came to be known throughout the community as an exemplary citizen, as a faithful husband and father and as a reliable and trustworthy business man.

JOHN PARK.

Among those who have contributed to the commercial and agricultural development of Hoopeston and the surrounding country John Park was numbered. He lived to a ripe old age, winning the respect and confidence of his fellowmen by an upright, honorable life that conformed to the highest standards of manhood. He started upon life's journey on the 22d of February, 1822, and passed the eighty-sixth milestone, his death having occurred on the 28th of August, 1908. His parents were William and Jane (Anderson) Park, pioneer settlers of Jefferson county, Indiana, and natives of Scotland. In early life they left the land

of hills and heather and soon after reaching American shores became residents of Indiana. The father was a farmer and mason, and his life was one of untiring industry.

Reared under the parental roof, lessons of industry and integrity were early impressed upon the mind of John Park and in later years bore rich fruit in his life. His education was acquired in the district schools of Jefferson county, Indiana, which were somewhat primitive in character owing to the pioneer condition of the community. However, he mastered the lessons therein taught and in the school of experience as the years went by continually broadened his knowledge, becoming in time a practical business man. In his youthful days he assisted in the operation of the home farm and remained with his parents until he had attained his majority, when he started out in life on his own account by leasing a farm near by. There he continued to till the soil for some time and also purchased timber land and engaged in the manufacture of lumber, which he shipped to Louisville, Kentucky. His business interests grew in volume and importance as the years passed by.

Mr. Park remained a resident of Indiana until 1874, when he came to Hoopes-ton and for two years thereafter was connected with no active business undertaking. In 1876 he purchased a half interest in a feed and grist mill, with which he was connected for a time but later sold his interest to James Hanna, of Hoopes-ton, who still continues the business. About that time Mr. Park purchased some farm land and his son John now occupies the farm. In the later years of his life the father lived retired, deriving from his property a good income that provided him with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life, thus contributing much to his happiness in his later years. He was fond of horses and raised many, keeping high grades of stock.

Mr. Park was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Reed, of Indiana, who died on the 20th of May, 1871. There were six children of that marriage, of whom three are now living, namely: John, who occupies the farm in Vermilion county formerly owned by his father; Laura; and Joseph R., whose home is in Covington, Indiana. On the 10th of March, 1874, Mr. Park was again married, his second union being with Sarah A. Simpson, a daughter of John and Nancy (McGregor) Simpson, who came from Ireland and settled in Jennings county, Indiana, in 1833, where he secured land and devoted his attention to farming. Mrs. Park still resides in Hoopes-ton, where she is widely and favorably known. Here Mr. Park made his home until called to his final rest.

In his political views he was a republican until within two years of his death, when he became identified with the prohibition party. While he never sought or desired office he always kept thoroughly informed concerning the political questions of vital import. He was well known as an active man of the town who was imbued with the spirit of progress and aided in all the measures instituted for the benefit of Hoopes-ton. At the age of twenty years he became a member of the Associate Presbyterian church and ever remained an active church worker and liberal supporter. He possessed a most social nature and thus drew around him an extensive circle of warm friends. Moreover, he was honorable, true and upright in every relation of life and therefore enjoyed the

confidence and good will of young and old, rich and poor. His success came to him as the legitimate and logical reward of his perseverance and labor. He started out for himself empty-handed and recognizing the fact that industry is the most stable foundation upon which to build success he made it the basic principle of his life and by his continued business activity gained a creditable position among the men of affluence in Vermilion county.

HENRY FROST HOOKER, M. D.

Dr. Henry Frost Hooker, a rising young medical practitioner of Danville, makes a specialty of surgery and in this branch of the profession has already won notable success. His birth occurred in Independence, Kansas, on the 12th of November, 1880, his parents being Samuel and Laura (Frost) Hooker, who are natives of Pennsylvania and Illinois respectively. Soon after the birth of our subject Samuel Hooker removed to South Dakota, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits on an extensive scale. At the present time he makes his home in Independence, Kansas.

Henry F. Hooker was reared on the range in South Dakota and was educated in that state, being graduated from the high school at White in 1898. Subsequently he studied pharmacy in the State School at Brookings, South Dakota, and in 1904 entered the Northwestern University of Chicago, completing the course in the medical department of that institution in 1908. After spending one year in a hospital of Chicago he came to Danville in 1909 and has already won an enviable reputation as an able representative of his profession, giving special attention to surgical work. He acts as surgeon for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad and in the line of his profession is connected with the County and State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association.

In November, 1909, Dr. Hooker was united in marriage to Miss Nellie M. MacGrath, a native of Green Bay, Wisconsin. He is a popular member of the Physicians Club and though a comparatively recent addition to the ranks of the medical fraternity, enjoys the confidence of his professional brethren as well as of the general public.

H. A. CLINGAN.

H. A. Clingan, an enterprising, entergetic and progressive agriculturist of Georgetown township, was born on a farm near Westville, Vermilion county, Illinois, on the 10th of November, 1886. His parents, L. A. and Martha (Groves) Clingan, were likewise born near Westville, this county. The father obtained his education in the district schools and devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. In connection with the tilling of the soil he shipped cattle and hogs on an extensive scale and in both branches of his business met with a gratifying measure of success. About

five years ago he put aside the active work of the fields and has since lived in honorable retirement at Danville, leaving the management of the farm to his children. Having spent their entire lives in Vermilion county, both he and his wife are well known within its borders and deserve recognition among its representative and respected residents. They have three living children, namely: Blanche, twenty-five years of age; H. A., of this review; and Roy, who is eighteen years old.

In his youthful years H. A. Clingan attended the district school near Westville and subsequently pursued a commercial course in the Danville Business College, from which he was graduated. Later he was graduated from the Jones National School of Oratory & Auctioneering at Chicago, and on leaving that institution he took charge of his father's farm, still residing thereon. During the summer seasons he is busily engaged in the tilling of the soil and in the winter months his services are largely in demand as auctioneer at farm sales. Although still in the early years of his manhood, Mr. Clingan possesses those qualities that should make him one of the substantial citizens of his locality, for he has many things to his credit, being industrious, progressive in his ideas and not afraid to exert himself in the pursuit of the success which he hopes to attain.

On the 22d of October, 1908, Mr. Clingan was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Hill, whose birth occurred near Fairmount, Illinois, where she received her early education. Later she continued her studies in the Danville high school.

Politically Mr. Clingan is a republican believing firmly in the principles of that party. He is now serving in the capacity of township school trustee, having been elected to that position in the spring of 1910. He has attained the third degree in Masonry and is a member of the lodge at Georgetown. Both Mr. and Mrs. Clingan have always resided within the borders of Vermilion county and they are a well known and highly esteemed young couple.

JOSEPH FAIRHALL, M. D.

One of the most influential men of Danville is Dr. Joseph Fairhall, who has made for himself an enviable record both in business and professional circles and is now living retired, enjoying a rest that is richly deserved. He was born February 9, 1853, on the isle of Sheppey in County Kent, England, and belongs to an old baronial family of that name. The ancestry can be traced back through many centuries and the name of Joseph was borne by the eldest son in each succeeding generation. It is believed that the first representative of the family to locate in England went to that country with William the Conqueror as a paid soldier, and his descendants have since been prominently identified with the counties of Sussex and Kent.

The Doctor's father, who also bore the name of Joseph Fairhall, was born on the isle of Sheppey and on reaching manhood married Esther Shaw, a native of the same locality. They made their home at Tadwell Hall as the father was a country gentleman, residing there until 1868, when they removed to

Sittingbourne, at which place the father died in 1885, at the age of seventy-two years. The mother passed away on the 15th of March, 1902, and was laid to rest in the family vault at Queensboro, Kent county. Dr. Fairhall began his education in the national school of Minster on the isle of Sheppey and later attended the grammar school at Sheerness. He subsequently pursued a collegiate course at the University in London, England, where he was graduated in 1881, and during the following three years made preparation for his chosen profession by study at Charing Cross Medical University of London.

Prior to this, however, Dr. Fairhall had enlisted in the Irish Rifles in 1877 and was a member of that regiment for eight years, being mustered out in 1885. For two years longer he remained a resident of London and in 1887 crossed the Atlantic and made his home in Chicago for the following three years. While coming to America he became interested in the Grape Creek Coal Company, of which he served as vice president until it went into the hands of a receiver in 1892. He was also connected with the South Chicago Dock Company for some time and in 1890 he located on the property owned by the Grape Creek Coal Company. Being of an observant and studious nature, he became thoroughly familiar with mining engineering and for a time had the active management of the company's affairs.

When the coal company passed into the hands of a receiver Dr. Fairhall took charge of the Grape Creek Clay Works and by a close study of the various clays found in the vicinity, coupled with his excellent knowledge of chemistry, he was enabled to master the art of brick manufacture. He became a prominent member of the National Brick Manufacturers' Association, attending all its conventions and taking an active part in its work. However, he was not able to obtain a lease of the clay works for longer than one year and, finding the venture unprofitable, he retired from that business at the end of four years.

The Doctor then decided to resume the practice of medicine and passed the required examination before the state board, receiving his license on the 27th of March, 1896. Coming to Danville in the spring of 1898, he erected a house and office near the Gilbert street bridge, which presents an excellent view of the Vermilion river, and turned his attention to the profession with which he became connected in early manhood. The year of his arrival here he was made a member of the staff of physicians of the Vermilion County Hospital and also professor of anatomy and physiology in the Danville Training School for Nurses. Ever a thorough student and progressive in his methods in practice, he met with most excellent success and became a prominent member of the Vermilion County Medical Association, the Tri-County Medical Association, the Danville Physicians' Protective Association and the National Medical Association. He met with most excellent success in his chosen calling and was regarded as one of the leading physicians of this part of the state. He continued in active practice here for some years but is now living retired, looking after his business interests.

Dr. Fairhall was married September 26, 1875, to Miss Elizabeth Sandys, the third daughter of William King, Esquire, of Elwick Villa at Ashford, Kent county, England. Two sons were born to them prior to their emigration to America, these being Joseph and Leo Victor. The family arrived in this

country on the 29th of March, 1887, and during their residence in Chicago another son Lawrence Turner, was born in 1888, and in 1894 a daughter, Lucy Winnifred, was born at Grape Creek.

The family is one of prominence in Danville, the Doctor having ever occupied an enviable position in social, professional and business circles. Taking an active interest in the betterment of the lower classes, he and his wife were instrumental in improving the social condition of the working people at Grape Creek, where they organized a church and Sunday school and were instrumental in securing good concerts and other entertainments of a beneficial character. The Doctor also took an active part in organizing the Grape Creek lodge of Odd Fellows, becoming its first noble grand. He has always taken an active interest in the work of that order and passed through the various degrees until he held the highest office in the Uniform Rank of Patriarchs Militant. In connection with this division of the fraternity he founded the degree of Ladies' Militant in 1901 and in all of this work was ably assisted by his wife, who established the White Oaks Rebekah degree lodge at Grape Creek and was later first president of the Ladies' Militant. His record is characterized by a masterful grasp of every problem that has been presented to him and his advancement followed as the logical result of his mental equipment and diligence, his success being, therefore, well merited. He is a man of excellent character, beloved by his family and honored and respected in the community, and it is safe to say that no man now living in Danville is held in higher regard than Dr. Joseph Fairhall.

JAMES KNIGHT.

Through the years of an active business career and in every relation of life James Knight commanded the respect and enjoyed the confidence and friendship of all with whom he came in contact. His life measured up to the full standard of honorable manhood in all things and thus his death was the occasion of deep sorrow and regret when on the 22d of October, 1900, he passed away. He was then sixty-eight years of age, his birth having occurred on the 12th of May, 1833, at Rouse Point, Clinton county, New York. His parents, Dr. James and Alice (Henderson) Knight, were natives of Edinburgh, Scotland, and in the land of hills and heather spent their childhood days and were married. Believing that they might have better opportunities in the new world, they crossed the Atlantic and established their home at Rouse Point, near Lake Champlain, in New York. The father, who had been identified with the medical profession there engaged in practice up to the time of his death, his ability winning him a good practice, while his research and investigation kept him in touch with the advancement made by the medical fraternity. His family included three sons; James Knight, however, being the only one to come to Vermilion county. His brother, Alexander Knight, removed to Illinois and died in Centralia. Another brother, Robert, is a resident of Vancouver, British Columbia.

In his boyhood days James Knight pursued his studies in the public schools of New York, dividing his time between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and such tasks as were assigned to him by parental authority. In early manhood he heard and heeded the call of the west, the year 1857 witnessing his arrival in Springfield, Illinois. He became identified with business interests in this state as overseer of construction on the Wabash Railroad, which was then being built. In 1858, however, he came to Danville and had charge of a construction train here for a few years, until the completion of the road in this section. He then continued in the railway service as conductor, running the first train into Danville over the Wabash. He continued in that capacity on the run between Danville and Quincy for some time and later was transferred to the Danville & Toledo road. He remained in the train service until 1865 and was then appointed station agent at Danville, occupying the position for several years. That he remained so long with the Wabash Company proved his ability and fidelity. At length he determined to devote his energies more directly to his own interests and to this end established a boot and shoe store in Danville, which he carried on successfully for some time. He afterward became an active factor in real estate circles, buying and selling all kinds of city property in Danville. His last days were spent in retirement from business, his former labor having brought to him a competence sufficient to enable him to enjoy all of the comforts of life and a well earned rest.

Mr. Knight was most pleasantly situated in his home life. In 1860 in Danville he wedded Miss Mary Elizabeth Probst, a native of Danville, born December 20, 1836. Her parents were James and Nancy (Barnes) Probst, the former born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Kentucky. Pioneer conditions confronted Mr. Probst when he arrived in Danville. The work of civilization had been scarcely begun here and Indians were still frequent visitors in the locality. Much of the land was unclaimed and uncultivated and only here and there had a cabin been built, giving indication that the work of improvement was being slowly carried forward. In early manhood Mr. Probst learned the tailor's trade, which he followed for some time, but later discontinued business in order to give his undivided attention to his official duties. He was frequently called upon for public service. He filled the office of constable in Danville and subsequently was elected to the position of sheriff of Vermilion county, in which capacity he remained for a number of years. Popular suffrage also called him to the office of county treasurer and he retired from the position as he had entered it—with the confidence and good-will of all concerned. No project or measure for the benefit of the city sought his aid in vain. He cooperated heartily in every movement for the public good and gave generously of his time and means where the welfare of Danville was involved. Moreover, his labors were of practical character that made his efforts resultant.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Knight was blessed with three children, a son and two daughters: Charles F., a resident of Chicago, where he is connected with the Lartz Wall Paper Company; Alice, who is the wife of B. H. Babbit, business manager for the Alfred Peats Wall Paper Company, of Chicago, and has four children, Alice, now Mrs. Edmond M. Gallup, of Chicago,

Knight B., Eleanor and Gladys; and Grace, who is living with her mother. Theirs is an attractive residence at No. 204 Franklin street, and the family has long been prominently known socially in Danville.

The death of the husband and father occurred October 22, 1900. He passed from this life honored and respected by all who knew him, and his memory remains as a blessed benediction to those with whom he came in contact. He was a leading member of the Knights of Honor and the Masonic fraternity. In the latter organization he rose to high rank and was a charter member of the commandery of Danville. His political allegiance was given to the republican party but public office never had attraction for him. His attention was always given to his business and his determination and reliable methods enabled him to accomplish whatever he undertook. From time to time he made judicious investment in property and at his death he left considerable real estate, including several business blocks on North street, near the Aetna Hotel, the Byers block and also much valuable property on Walnut street, together with sixteen and a half acres near Lincoln Park. His business methods were never such as seek nor require disguise. He dealt honestly and honorably with all men, and his name came to be regarded as a synonym for integrity in business circles. He was never so busy but what his city could call upon him for cooperation in public affairs and any project which he believed beneficial to the community received his earnest endorsement. Those who knew him socially found him a genial, kindly gentleman, of generous impulses, ready at all times to speak a good word for a friend or to aid those in need. Mrs. Knight holds membership with the Presbyterian church and is well known socially in Danville, where she has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of her acquaintances.

I. E. STARR.

Carrying on general merchandising, I. E. Starr has recently contributed to the substantial improvement of Bismarck in the erection of a fine two-story brick building, twenty-five by eighty feet, which is an ornament to the village and also a monument to the enterprising spirit of the owner. He was born in Newell township, this county, December 9, 1877, and has therefore but passed the thirty-third milestone on life's journey. He is a son of Zack and Clentha (Cunningham) Starr. The father resides in Newell township, where for a long period he has engaged successfully in general farming. His wife died in 1888, leaving a husband and three children to mourn her loss.

Upon the old homestead the son was reared and his youthful days were divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. Through the summer months he aided in the cultivation of the crops and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, after which he rented a part of the old homestead and thus carried on farming for three years. A college education, at the Union Christian College at Merom, Indiana, supplementing his public-school privileges, well

qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties. In 1904 he turned his attention to general merchandising at Bismarck, opening a store which he has since conducted. He carries a large and well selected line of goods and makes earnest effort to meet the wants of his customers, knowing that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement. His prices are reasonable and at all times his business transactions are honorably conducted. That he has prospered in his undertakings is indicated in the fact that he has recently erected a fine two-story brick business block twenty-five by eighty feet.

On the 6th of November, 1907, Mr. Starr was united in marriage to Miss Flora Leonard, who was born in Ross township, Vermilion county, and is a daughter of James and Clara (White) Leonard, who are also natives of this county, where they yet make their home. Their family includes five children, who yet survive. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Starr have been born two children: Dale L., born July 24, 1908; and Ruth M., May 21, 1910.

Mr. Starr belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge and his prominence in the organization is indicated by the fact that he has been called to fill all of the chairs. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party but has no desire for political office. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian church and are well known socially, theirs being a hospitable home, whose good cheer is greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

CHARLES W. RICE.

Charles W. Rice, owning and operating a rich and productive tract of land of eighty acres near Georgetown, is an agriculturist whose labors have been attended with a gratifying measure of success. His birth occurred in Edgar county, Illinois, on the 29th of December, 1851, his parents being William S. and Rebecca (Cunningham) Rice, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. When about seven years of age William S. Rice accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois, the family home being established on a farm in Vermilion county. It was here that he met and married Miss Rebecca Cunningham and they resided in this part of the state throughout the remainder of their lives.

In the acquirement of an education Charles W. Rice attended the district school near Ridge Farm and after putting aside his text-books assisted his father in the operation of the home farm for a short time. He then started out as an agriculturist on his own account and now owns a fine farm of eighty acres near Georgetown, to the cultivation of which he devotes his time and energies with excellent results. The well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them and his success entitles him to recognition among the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

On the 12th of February, 1882, Mr. Rice was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Small, a native of Vermilion county, who was called to her final rest

on the 6th of June, 1909, leaving a family of seven children to mourn her loss. Mr. Rice now makes his home with his mother-in-law, who has attained the age of ninety-five years and to whom he proves a great assistance in her feeble condition.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Rice has supported the men and measures of the republican party and for several years he acted as a school director in Fairview district. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Georgetown. A man of high worth and sterling integrity, he is widely respected and honored in the community which has known him for more than a half century.

WALTER J. BROWN, M. D.

Dr. Walter J. Brown, a successful member of the medical profession of Danville, was born in Urbana, Illinois, April 16, 1871, and is of Scotch-Irish descent, although the family was founded in America at an early period in the the civilization of the new world. Among his ancestors was General Brown, of Pennsylvania. His father, Myron Stoddard Brown, was a native of Pottsdam, New York, born June 30, 1832, and was educated in the Pottsdam Academy, after which he engaged in teaching school but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor, for in 1853 he took up the study of medicine and in 1860 was graduated from the Rush Medical College of Chicago. Having thus carefully prepared for the onerous duties of the profession, he entered upon active practice and as the years passed established himself as one of the most capable, reliable and successful physicians of Illinois.

In 1862, however, Dr. Myron S. Brown put aside all business and personal consideration to respond to his country's call, enlisting in the Union army, with which he served as assistant surgeon of the Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry. He was for some time on active duty in connection with the hospital service at Nashville and while there employed his leisure hours in further study and was graduated from the University of Nashville in 1863. After the war he located for practice in Urbana, where he remained continuously until 1884, when he removed to Danville. Ever deeply interested in the progress of the profession and in all projects that tended to promote the efficiency of its representatives, he assisted in founding the Champaign Medical Society in 1868, becoming one of its life members. In addition to his private practice he acted as surgeon for the Big Four Railroad Company and also for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company. He was also president of the surgical staff of the Danville Training School for Nurses and was the founder of the Lake View Hospital, in which connection he has filled the chair of surgery and afterward that of obstetrics. He was honored with election as the first president of the Vermilion County Medical Society, was also a member of the State and National Medical Associations. His fraternal relations were with the Masons. He attained the Knight Templar degree and filled all of the chairs in Danville Lodge.

In 1856 Dr. Myron Stoddard Brown was married to Miss Sarah Huff, of Decatur, Illinois, who was born in Indiana. They became the parents of six children; Harry L., a dentist now practicing in Rensselaer, Indiana; Lucy Belle, the wife of E. C. English, of Indiana; Walter J., of this review; Blanche M., now the wife of Louis F. Hopkins; Grace and Fred, both at home. Dr. Myron S. Brown remained a prominent physician and honored citizen of Urbana up to the time of his death, which occurred on the 2d of July, 1904, while his wife passed away in January of the same year. The remains of both were interred in Mount Hope cemetery of Urbana where they had long made their home.

Dr. Walter J. Brown has followed in his father's professional footsteps and has made a splendid record by reason of his ability and his marked devotion to his professional duties. He was educated in the University of Illinois in the acquirement of literary knowledge which serves as the foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of broad professional learning. He afterward studied medicine in Rush Medical College, completing the course with the class of 1891. He then located for practice in Danville and the following two years served as county physician. He was on the surgical staff of the Vermilion County Hospital, is now surgeon of the artillery battalion, of the Illinois National Guard and in addition has a large private practice, which indicates the confidence reposed in his professional skill and ability. He holds to a high standard of professional ethics and therefore enjoys the highest regard of his brethren of the medical fraternity. Moreover, he keeps in touch with the general trend of progress that is stimulated through the interchange of knowledge among the members of the county, state and national medical societies, with all of which he is identified. He is likewise a member of the Aesculapian Society of the Wabash valley and is associated with the Military Surgeons of the United States. He is also a member of the Order of Eagles, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and other fraternities and social organizations, in which he is popular by reason of his genial and social qualities which, combined with his genuine personal worth won him the high regard of all with whom he comes in contact.

FRANK LINDLEY.

Frank Lindley, whose law practice has covered litigation of every character, including that which is heard in the United States supreme court, has long been numbered among the distinguished representatives of the Danville bar. With a nature that could never be content with mediocrity, laudable ambition has prompted the best use of his talents and his opportunities and he stands with those whose well developed powers and abilities have made their records a part of the judicial history of the state.

Mr. Lindley was born in Fayette county, Indiana, March 10, 1858, not far from the Dublin postoffice in Wayne county. His parents were Osmond and Achsah W. Lindley, the former a son of James and Ruth L. Lindley, and the latter a daughter of John W. and Margaret Wilson. The grandparents were all residents of North Carolina, in which state they maintained plantations and



Frank Lyndley.

owned slaves, but both James Lindley and John W. Wilson liberated their slaves before the Civil war and became strong advocates of freedom. They then left slave territory, removing to Indiana. They belonged to the orthodox Friends society and their lives were in harmony with its teachings. Both Osmond Lindley and Achsah W. Wilson were graduates of Earlham College, and Indiana school conducted under the auspices of the Society of Friends. The father was one of a family of five children, of whom the only survivor is John L. The others were Hiram, Calvin and John. The family was of Scotch and English lineage. Following his graduation from Earlham College, Osmond Lindley engaged in teaching for a number of years, but subsequently gave his attention to farming, stock-raising and pork packing. His intelligently directed energies brought him success and he continued in business until his death, which occurred in 1877, when he was forty-five years of age. His widow still survives and is now a resident of Fairmount, Indiana.

During his early boyhood Frank Lindley accompanied his parents on their removal to Henry county, Indiana, where he attended the common schools, while later he entered Hopewell Academy, a Quaker school, wherein he completed his literary course. He dates his residence in Illinois from 1872, in which year his parents located in Shelby county. He was for a time engaged in teaching and then resumed his studies as a student in the State Normal School of Illinois. After a brief period he began reading law in the office of Thornton, Wendling & Hamlin, of Shelbyville, Illinois, and having successfully passed the required examination that secured admission to the bar in May, 1881, he came to Danville. Here he entered upon active practice with Frank W. Penwell under the firm name of Penwell & Lindley. As year after year changes occurred in partnership relations and members of the bar moved away or were called to their final rest, the firm of Penwell & Lindley became the oldest in years of continued connection with the Danville bar. From the beginning Mr. Lindley has enjoyed an extensive practice that has been of an important character, and his name is associated with many notable forensic victories. In his wide general information as well as his understanding of legal principles is found one of the strong elements of his power and ability as a lawyer. His broad knowledge enables him to understand life and its various phases, the motive springs of human conduct and the complexity of business interests, and this knowledge, combined with a comprehensive familiarity with statutory law and with precedent makes him one of the ablest members of the profession in Danville. His success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capability. His is a natural discrimination as to legal ethics and one of the strong elements in his success is the fact that he never fails to recognize the main point at issue and never neglects to give a thorough preparation. His pleas have been characterized by a terse and decisive logic and a lucid presentation rather than by flights of oratory, and his power is the greater before court or jury from the fact that it is recognized that his aim is ever to secure justice and not to enshroud the cause in a sentimental garb of illusion which will thwart the principles of right and equity involved. Aside from his law practice he is connected with business circles as one of the officers of the Equit-

able Building & Loan Association and of the Vermilion County Abstract Company.

On the 29th of October, 1885, in Danville, Mr. Lindley was married to Miss Jennie Gregg, a daughter of Daniel and Luvinia Gregg, of this city. Her father operated a mill, and had a chain of elevators, being recognized as one of the prominent grain men of the district.

Mr. Lindley was a birthright Quaker but joined the Presbyterian church in Danville about 1882. He is a member of the Odd Fellows society and served as its recording secretary in 1883. He has been identified with the Knights of Pythias fraternity since 1882 and is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and for twelve years he was chairman of the republican congressional committee and for ten years served as its chairman. He has also been a member of the Danville republican central committee and has frequently been a delegate to the state convention. Aside from politics he has been identified with many local enterprises in his home town and is a co-operant factor in many measures that have been directly beneficial to the community. He is spoken of throughout Danville in terms of high regard and is found in those circles where the intelligent men of the city are gathered for the discussion of questions of vital interest. Those things which are most worthy and commendable in life make strong appeal to him and the principles of upright and honorable manhood which find expression in his life as well as his professional skill have gained for him the high position which he holds in the regard of his fellowmen.

BENJAMIN F. STITES.

Twenty-one years have been added to the cycle of the centuries since Benjamin F. Stites passed away, and yet there are many who remember with pleasure his social nature and his consideration for others as well as the enterprise and industry which made him one of the valued and respected business men of Hoopeston, where for a long period he conducted a furniture and undertaking establishment. Ohio claimed him among her native sons, his birth having occurred on the 20th of July, 1833, in Cincinnati, his ancestors being among the founders of that city where a large monument has been erected to their memory. His parents were Benjamin and Susan (Steward) Stites, who left Ohio in the spring of 1837 to become residents of Vermilion county, Illinois, establishing their home at Rickard Corners, in Blount township, but who a year later removed to a farm two miles south of Meyersville, which was their home until 1857. Later they became residents of Paxton, Ford county.

In the meantime Benjamin F. Stites had located in the vicinity of the site of Paxton, settling there in the winter of 1853-4. He followed farming for a year and in 1855 established a store on the prairie, selling goods there for eighteen years. The opportunities of the southwest attracted him, however, and in the fall of 1856 he disposed of his stock of goods and went to Benton

county, Arkansas, where he purchased six hundred acres of land and gave his attention to farming, carpentering and milling. He had become well established in business when forced to flee from that section by reason of the unsettled conditions that followed the presidential election of 1860. The "fire-eaters" of the south manifested a most open hostility and only by strategy did Mr. Stites manage to return unharmed to the north. He was forced to abandon his property, however, and suffered the loss of all that he had invested there.

Returning north, Mr. Stites purchased a housekeeping equipment in Chicago and found that he had only fifty dollars remaining. With this he bought furniture and returned to Paxton, where he opened a little store. At that time there was no furniture establishment nearer than Kankakee, and he soon disposed of his original stock, the proceeds therefrom being invested in more furniture. He continuously increased his stock to meet the growing demands of the trade until he was at the head of a profitable business. He had previously learned the cabinet-maker's trade and his skill in that direction was employed in the manufacture of coffins for the neighborhood, and he also took the first ready-made casket into Ford county. He continued in business at Paxton until the autumn of 1871, when he removed to Hoopeston, where he carried on carpentering for two years, and then again engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, managing his store ably and successfully until his death.

The happy home life of Mr. Stites had its inception in his marriage on the 15th of June, 1859, to Miss Martha Dunn, a native of Clifton Springs, New York. Her father, George Dunn, was born in Ireland but in his boyhood came to America and on this side of the Atlantic wedded Miss Angeline Foster, a native of Rochester, New York. He followed the cooper's trade at Clifton Springs and at Scottsville, New York, and in the winter of 1856-7 sought a location in the middle west. He lived at Rock Island, Illinois, for a time, and during that period joined the Fifty-first Illinois Infantry for active service in the Civil war. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Corinth and was ill at the time. He was then sent to Jefferson Barracks at St. Louis, where he died in September, 1862. His wife died in Chicago in 1893 while visiting a daughter there and attending the World's Columbian Exposition. Mrs. Stites had four brothers who were soldiers in the Union army and one of these was killed in battle while serving with Company F, Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry. The family numbered twelve children, of whom ten are yet living. Mrs. Stites spent her girlhood days in the Empire state and was eleven years of age when her parents removed from Clifton Springs to Scottsville, New York. She was liberally educated, supplementing her early school training by study in the LeRoy Seminary and the Collegiate Institute, a Baptist school of Rochester, New York. For several terms she engaged successfully in teaching in Monroe county, New York, after which she spent the winter of 1857-8 with relatives in St. Louis, Missouri. In March of the latter year she went to Arkansas and there became acquainted with Mr. Stites, who sought her hand in marriage. Unto them were born fourteen children, of whom ten are yet living: Frances, the wife of John Simpson, of Iowa; Charles, who married Mrs. Hicks and is engaged in blacksmithing in Hoopeston; Benjamin, who wedded May Misson

and resides in Omaha, Nebraska; William, an electrical engineer living in New Orleans; Carrie Louise, the wife of William McKeever of Francisville, Indiana; Samuel, a railroad agent at Beecher, Illinois; Susan, the wife of John Wagner, of Chicago; Kate, who is librarian of the Hoopeston library; Mattie, the wife of Frank Wallace, a machinist of Hoopeston; and Clara, a teacher of the Hoopeston schools.

Mr. Stites was drafted for service in the Civil war but was later rejected on account of physical disability. He was always public-spirited in citizenship and supported various projects to promote the welfare of Hoopeston and Vermilion counties. He belonged to the Universalist church and to the Odd Fellows Society and was loyal to the teachings and principles of both organizations. His political allegiance was given to the democracy. His long residence in this part of the state, dating from 1837 until the time of his death, made him very widely known, and his sterling qualities gained him the good-will and confidence of all with whom he was associated in business or social relations. He left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name and an example that it well worthy of emulation when, on the 22d of October, 1889, he was called from this life.

Following the death of her husband Mrs. Stites assumed the management of the business, which she conducted for thirteen years. Success attended her labors, for she proved herself possessed of excellent business qualifications, while sound judgment directed all of her efforts. She took a course in embalming and conducted an undertaking business in addition to the furniture trade, and both departments of her establishment were liberally patronized. In the early days of her residence here she was engaged in teaching in a select school in Hoopeston before the public school was organized. She is now the owner of considerable property in Hoopeston, which returns to her a very gratifying rental. She belongs to the Ladies' Auxiliary Association of both the Masons and the Odd Fellows lodge, and is also a member of the Woman's Relief Corps. She has also been prominent in the social life of Hoopeston and has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of her acquaintances.

JOHN E. GLICK.

If there is any person who doubts the possibility of attaining reasonable success in any worthy undertaking, even though he start without a dollar, he should take hope and courage by a perusal of the career of John E. Glick, of Ridge Farm, Vermilion county, now the happy proprietor of one of the best printing plants in this part of the state. Mr. Glick comes of good Teutonic ancestry and has inherited those worthy traits of energy and grit that go so far in any effort really worth while. He is a young man but has already achieved one of the leading ambitions of his life—and that is saying a great deal of a man who has not yet reached the thirty-third milestone in life's journey.

He was born in Edgar county, Illinois, May 18, 1878, and is a son of Z. T. and Mary Glick. The father was a farmer and the subject of this review

grew up upon the farm and attended the district school, later becoming a student in the Chrisman high school and the Northern Indiana University at Valparaiso, Indiana. As a student he was earnest and conscientious in his duties, showing even in his earlier years those traits that have been distinguishing characteristics of his life.

Immediately upon leaving school Mr. Glick began learning the printer's trade at Chrisman, continuing in the same office for nine years. Having by application and economy acquired a capital of six hundred dollars, on July 6, 1903, he purchased the Ridge Farm Republican. At the time of his purchase the office of the Republican was supplied with a Washington hand press, an old Cincinnati nonpareil jobber and with type "worn off to the first nick." Having thoroughly mastered the art of job printing, the new proprietor was not content with the old-fashioned "faces" which had done service for two or three decades, so he began a systematic course of holding down expenses in order that he might acquire a surplus sufficient to equip the plant with up-to-date machinery. This meant a denial of many pleasures, but it was only by denying himself that he could hope to attain his goal. Business came apparently by leaps and bounds, so to speak. His bank account increased surprisingly and in a few months he was able to purchase an old frame building, paying three hundred dollars down and carrying a mortgage encumbrance of five hundred dollars, upon which he paid seven per cent interest until the obligation was discharged. Having made this second step in his progress toward independence, Mr. Glick began looking about for a new press and he soon learned that the Illinois Printing Company of Danville possessed such a press as he desired, and this he purchased and in due time it was installed in the Republican office. Later he purchased an improved jobber and with the addition of new fonts of type he entered the field as a bidder for the higher class of printing. It is hardly necessary to say that his desire was gratified and that the best class of printing is still seeking expression at this office. Business increased at such a rate that it was necessary to find larger accommodations and Mr. Glick purchased a brick building in the heart of the business district on State street and into this building he moved September 1, 1908. On the morning of February 5, 1909, the building was reduced to ashes and the mailing list of the newspaper, books, records, etc., which were in the fire-proof safe constituted all the property that escaped destruction. After insurance adjustments Mr. Glick erected a fine brick building of modern design, purchased new equipment direct from the foundry and is now at the head of a strictly up-to-date printing plant, which is proving one of the best investments in this part of the country. He is also owner of the residence in which he lives and is recognized as one of the responsible and progressive citizens of the community.

In April, 1907, Mr. Glick was united in marriage to Miss Nettie L. Hall, the foster daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hartley, of Chrisman. The parents of Mrs. Glick were called from earthly ties when she was only a few years old and she was reared to womanhood under the kindly care of Mr. and Mrs. Hartley, who were then living in West Virginia but later located in Illinois. A daughter, Mary Jane, has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Glick. Mrs. Glick has proven to her husband a most helpful and inspiring companion.

Mr. Glick is socially identified with a number of secret organizations, in whose teachings he has found many principles that have met his hearty approval. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Chrisman and of the Masonic and Woodmen lodges of Ridge Farm. He also holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is affiliated with the republican party but has never listened to the alluring voice that calls many a young man from a growing business career to the uncertainties of official life. While he is a supporter of the candidates of his party and a firm believer that the interests of the state and nation are best subserved by the party which he represents and he ably sets forth these ideas in the newspaper of which he is the proprietor, he has devoted his attention up to the present time very largely to his business, and in his work and his family he has found a happiness which is known only to the one who faithfully tries to do his whole duty.

WILBERT G. GREEN.

Wilbert G. Green is a leading farmer of Oakwood, Vermilion county, the owner of three hundred acres including the family homestead, and a man who attained to his present position by well directed industry. He is a native of Ohio, born near Columbus, January 27, 1868, and is a son of David and Augusta (Haynes) Green, also natives of Ohio. The father came to Illinois in 1870 and settled on a farm near Gibson City, where he became the owner of two hundred acres of land, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. This farm he sold in 1894 and, coming to Oakwood, purchased a farm of two hundred acres near this place. He departed this life after a useful and successful career in 1897, and the mother is now living retired in Danville. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Green: Herbert, now of Gibson City and the owner of a farm of five hundred acres; John, who is in the service of the United States government in Cuba; Melvina, the widow of Jacob Carr, of Carthage, Missouri; Victoria, the wife of C. F. Baxter, of Winfield, Kansas; Lincoln H., who departed this life January 14, 1906; Emma, the wife of J. T. Carpenter, of Vermilion county; Wilbert G., the subject of this sketch; and Emmett H., foreman in Kegan & Moore's addition to Danville.

Wilbert G. Green received his education in the district schools and remained at home until twenty-one years of age, assisting his father in the various duties of the farm. Starting out for himself, he rented land for three years. He then bought one hundred and twenty-five acres of Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, now member of congress and at that time a prominent landowner of the county, and has since operated this land, from time to time increasing his holdings until he now has a valuable farm of three hundred acres, fully provided with up-to-date improvements. The residence is located on the old homestead and Mr. Green has acquired by purchase the interests of the other heirs in this property. In 1899 he removed to Oakwood, where he has since lived.

On December 24, 1891, Mr. Green was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Cranston, a daughter of Julius and Artemissa (Atwood) Cranston. Mr. Cran-

ston came from Ohio and Mrs. Cranston from Vermont and they were married in this state in 1858. They settled on a farm in Champaign county, where they lived until 1903, when they retired to Gibson City. The father was called to his final rest in 1905, but the mother is still living at her home in Gibson City. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cranston: Leslie, who is a lawyer and state's attorney of Ford county, Illinois; Clara, the widow of Stephen Waggoner, she and her husband having both taught for ten years in Indian schools which are conducted by the United States government; Mary, the widow of Lincoln Green, of Vermilion county; Lucy, the wife of our subject; Stephen, of Vermilion county; Grace, now Mrs. Robert Padee, of Ford county; and Artie, the wife of Bert Minks, of Champaign county, living on the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert G. Green are the parents of four daughters: Eulalie, who is a graduate of the Oakwood schools and the Danville high school and is an accomplished musician, living at home; Gladys, also a graduate of the high school of Oakwood and a musician, living at home; and Winifred and Clara, both at home. Mrs. Green is a lady of fine education and rare accomplishments and before her marriage graduated from the business college of Champaign, Illinois. She is a musician and for some years was engaged in teaching school, as was also Mr. Green.

The family is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church at Oakwood and politically Mr. Green is an earnest advocate of prohibition. Although he has never been a seeker for public office, he has served as mayor and trustee of Oakwood and as member of the school board. He is widely and favorably known in the county as an enterprising and progressive citizen, assisting to the extent of his ability any measure that may forward the interests of the community, and he has many friends bound by ties of long association who recognize his lasting qualities of mind and heart.

CHARLES CUNNINGHAM.

In a review of the successful farmers of Newell township, Vermilion county, the name of Charles Cunningham is presented as one who is eminently worthy of record. He was born on the adjoining farm to the one which he now owns, February 23, 1865, and is the son of Frank and Mary (Lockhart), Cunningham, both of whom were born and reared in the neighborhood. The grandfather upon the paternal side was one of the early pioneers and settled in Illinois in 1830, two years previous to the Black Hawk war, at a time when there was quite a movement into Illinois from Kentucky and other southern states. Hence it will be seen that the subject of this review represents the second generation of his family in Illinois. The father began his operations as a farmer upon a tract of twenty acres which he increased from year to year as opportunity presented, and at the time of his retirement from active labor, which took place in 1899, he was the owner of a farm of two hundred and fourteen acres, fully improved and provided with all the comforts and conveniences for which well established farms of this state are noted. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cunningham

are now living at their ease in Danville, enjoying the rest that was earned by many years of labor. Mr. Cunningham is seventy-three years of age and his wife one year his junior and their home is the scene of happy reunions of relatives and friends who gather from far and wide. Nine children were born to them, of whom six are now living: Oscar; Charles, the subject of this review; Mattie, now Mrs. C. F. Conover, of Indiana; Ella, the wife of H. Scott Andrews, of Newell township; Morton, also of Newell township; and Rolla of Rochester, Indiana.

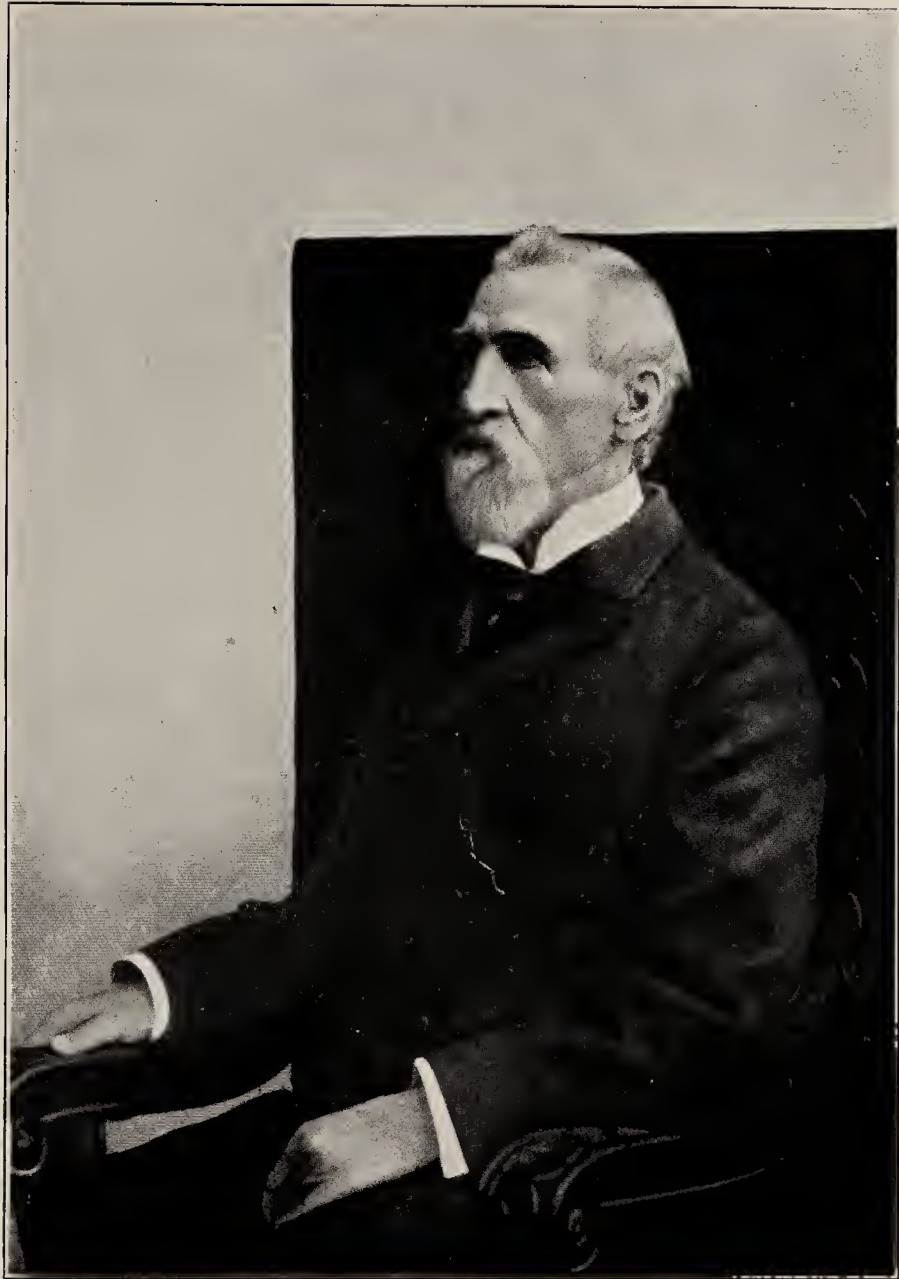
Charles Cunningham was educated in the public schools and remained upon the home farm assisting his parents until he was twenty-two years of age. He then became associated with one of his brothers in the purchase of one hundred and sixty acres of land, which they cultivated for four years, at the end of which time he sold his interest to his brother. The basis of the farm which he now owns was sixty-seven acres of land which he bought in 1892 and increased until his present farm includes two hundred acres of land which he has brought to a high degree of cultivation. He has also taken special interest in fine horses and has developed a well known herd of English Shire horses and a herd of shorthorn cattle, of which he is justly proud, and by exhibiting which on more than one occasion he has carried off the coveted ribbon at the annual fair.

Mr. Cunningham has never been married but has taken the greatest interest in movements pertaining to the welfare of the community. He is a member of the Christian church and is a liberal contributor to all causes that aim to ameliorate the ills of mankind and advance the permanent interests of all, regardless of age or condition. As a farmer and stock-raiser he stands very high with those who know him. His success has been largely due to the interest he takes in his calling and to a rightly directed ambition which seldom fails in accomplishing the desired ends.

PETER VOORHEES.

In pioneer times the Voorhees family was established in Vermilion county and through the many years which elapsed from that period up to the time of his death Peter Voorhees was an active and honored citizen of this locality. His business interests became extensive and yet he did not allow the accumulation of wealth to mar his kindly nature.

He was known as one of the wealthy farmers of the county—at one time the largest land owner in Newell township—but he was not interested in the accumulation of wealth beyond what would bring the comforts of life. He was never known to take advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen in any business transaction. He was always ready to make a bargain as much for “the other fellow” as for himself. Social and genial, he loved mankind. He had a quick and responsive sympathy for those in distress or trouble, and was often in his helpfulness more generous than wise. Possessed of an ever ready sense of humor and love of pleasure, he was an attractive man to his friends, whom he



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found in all classes. He saw people as they were aside from their belongings and place. The prince and the beggar were the same to him; the trappings of this world did not matter much to him, he had a philosophical indifference to the benefits that can come from worldly advancement, and deliberately chose the line of life he lived, and never tired of its rural compensations. Reared in the same household and the same environment as the brother who served for forty years in the house and senate of the United States, he preferred his own choice and regarded with affectionate commiseration that brother's arduous responsibilities and small reward.

Few lives in so large a degree exemplified the Golden Rule as did that of Peter Voorhees. He never let pass an opportunity to aid a friend in need, regardless of his own interest in so doing. His religion was the religion of love and mercy, believing that the Creator would eventually care for and save all his creatures. He was charitable in his judgment of others. "Judge not, lest ye be judged," was his favorite admonition. He was for many years the people's chosen "overseer of the poor" (an office now abolished), a place he filled with pleasure to himself and at times perhaps undeserved benefit to the indigent.

Peter Voorhees was born in Butler county, Ohio, June 28, 1825. Since the beginning of the world the laws of heredity have been held in respect by mankind. Christ said to the young man who came seeking him, "Young man, whose son art thou?" and the same question is still being asked of any one in whom we are interested to-day. The Voorhees family were among the early Dutch settlers of New York. Peter Voorhees came of a long line of creditable ancestors. The name may be found in places of trust and responsibility since the days when New York was called New Amsterdam.

The first representatives in America were Stevense and Peter Van Voorhees, emigrants from Holland, who crossed the Atlantic in the year 1660. The "coat-of-arms" or armorial bearings of the old Holland family, indicate (according to the St. James Heraldry office of London) considerable antiquity. The motto is "Virtus Castellum Meum." They brought with them land grants, patents or charters whereby they obtained real estate at Flatlands, Long Island, and in New Jersey. Although the spelling of the surname has been changed by some of their descendants the original form is also retained by some who trace their lineage back to the same common ancestors. As the years passed and the tide of emigration began flowing from the Atlantic coast inland members of the Voorhees family came to the west.

The grandfather of Peter Voorhees settled in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, when that place was but an Indian fort, Stephen Voorhees, the father of Peter, removed to Ohio and it was in the latter state that Peter Voorhees was born. He was but two years of age when his parents again removed westward, this time locating in Fountain county, Indiana, where he was reared amid the wild scenes of pioneer life. In 1848 he was married to Mary J. Button, who was born in Oldham county, Kentucky, November 25, 1828. She was also of Holland ancestry. Her parents emigrated from Kentucky to Indiana, parting with their slaves because of their disbelief in slavery. The same year of their marriage they came to Vermilion county, Illinois, and settled at the Voorhees home-

stead, which was purchased from a heritage from the grandfather, Peter Voorhees, of Kentucky. Mrs. Voorhees was as bright and beautiful as Kentucky's women are famed for being, and she was a woman of unusual character. Philosophic, patient and enduring, as one of the local papers said at the time of her death: "She was one of the most lovable of women, being possessed of those womanly characteristics that attract and cement friendships in bonds that time cannot break or even lessen. That she was generous many can bear witness and that she was one of the most hospitable of the matrons of this city is known to every person who has been so fortunate as to pass the threshold of her door. She was of a most pleasing disposition and had that open-heartedness so characteristic of the early settlers of this county, of whom she was one. She was one of the most devoted of mothers and to her children she was the one whom there was none who could give better advice. Her words were the words of wisdom and many times they had proven to them that she knoweth best who doeth best.

"Coming to Illinois at an early day, her genial nature and well known hospitality soon made her acquainted with the early settlers of the county and the home of herself and husband was the mecca for all the pioneers of that day. They were sure of a hearty welcome whenever they visited their home and her cheerfulness and sunny disposition always gladdened and enriched those with whom she came in contact. It ever left its impress with them after they had gone away and caused her name to be mentioned time and again in the homes of the pioneers. She was generous to a fault and never missed an opportunity of extending help to those who in an early day had many trials and misfortunes. It was a pleasure to her to help lift the burdens of others and to make joy and gladness rest where sorrow had taken hold. She could feel for others and was not content unless by some manner she could show it in a substantial degree. She did it without show and in a way that it was appreciated by the recipients. She did not leave the impression that in her doing there was an indebtedness to be paid, but that it was a ministering such as would have been received from them had the conditions been reversed and she the receiver instead of the giver. She was a woman of splendid attainments in all the walks of life and in her social nature she was the embodiment of the best, treating all, whether high or low, rich or poor, with the same kindness and consideration that so surely marks the character of a good Christian woman and a consistent servant of the Master."

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Voorhees were born five children. These are: Mrs. A. G. P. Dodge, of Danville; Arthur E., of Booneville, Indiana; Daniel, of Peoria; Philip B., of Danville. One daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Crawford, died but a year prior to her mother's demise. Peter Voorhees passed away in 1901 and Mrs. Voorhees died April 7, 1902. While memory lasts to those who knew them this worthy couple will be remembered in Vermilion county and among their many friends. Their lives exemplified their Christian faith and they were worthy and consistent followers of the teachings of the Master. Peter Voorhees is most remembered because of his many kind deeds and his helpful spirit. An old German saying has come down to us: "A man makes three kinds of friends

in this world—gains he accumulates; the hearts whom he loves; and his good works. The wealth is the first to leave him when death lays its hands upon the form; the loved ones go to the tomb, but his good works follow him through all the years, praising his name and making hallowed his memory.” So let it be with Peter Voorhees.

JOHN W. NEWLON.

To practically devote an entire lifetime to public service and yet retain the high regard of the great majority of those with whom one comes in contact, indicates most clearly prompt, capable and efficient service and unfaltering loyalty to duty. Mr. Newlon is numbered among those whose life record has ever contained many commendable elements, chief among which is his fidelity to the trust reposed in him during his long connection with public office. Vermilion county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred upon the home farm in Oakwood township, June 13, 1840.

His father, Thomas B. Newlon, was a native of Harrison county, Virginia, and after arriving at years of maturity wedded Mrs. Angeline Griffith Makemson, who was born in Wayne county, Indiana, and was a daughter of Stephen Griffith, who in 1826 became one of the honored pioneer residents of Vermilion county. At that time Mrs. Newlon was nine years of age. She passed the ninetieth milestone on life's journey, spending her last days in Kansas. The Newlon family was founded in Vermilion county in 1837, when John Newlon, the grandfather of our subject, removed from Champaign county, Ohio, to this state. He settled in Catlin township, and his son, Thomas B., assisted in the development of the home farm. After his marriage to Mrs. Makemson he took up his abode in Oakwood township and there carried on general agricultural pursuits for a number of years. In 1866 he removed with his family to Kansas but in 1872 returned to Vermilion county, where he resided until called to his final rest in February, 1877.

John W. Newlon, the eldest of the family of seven children, early became familiar with the usual experiences that fall to the lot of the farm boy, and devoted the summer months to the labors of the field and the winter seasons to the acquirement of an education in the district schools. With an aptitude for learning, he devoted his evening hours to study and has ever read broadly and thought deeply. His progress along intellectual lines early qualified him for teaching and for several years he followed that profession. He afterward devoted many years to farming and his attention was largely engaged in buying and shipping stock, his business interests of that character reaching extensive proportions.

Mr. Newlon had scarcely passed his majority when he responded to the country's call for troops to aid in suppressing the rebellion of the south. In July, 1861, he joined the army as a member of Company I, Thirty-fifth Illinois Infantry, with which he was connected until 1864. He saw considerable hard service, taking part in the battles of Pea Ridge, Stone River, Corinth,

Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge. He also went with Sherman on the Atlanta campaign. At Kenesaw Mountain he was slightly wounded and was twice captured but on both occasions succeeded in making his escape. After three years of faithful service he was mustered out at Springfield with the rank of sergeant and returned to his home with a most creditable military record.

Mr. Newlon at once took up general farming, which he followed in summer months, while the winter seasons were devoted to teaching. On the 19th of September, 1865, he made arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Ives E. Taylor, a daughter of Thomas A. and Ives (Allen) Taylor, who on coming to this county in 1853 settled in Catlin township, where Mr. Taylor died on the 19th of September, 1876. His wife survived him for several years, departing this life in 1893 in her seventy-eighth year. Mrs. Newlon, as a girl reached the senior year in the high school of Springfield, Illinois. She was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, on the 2d of February, 1845, and following her marriage accompanied her husband to Winterset, Iowa, but a year later returned to Vermilion county. Unto them have been born four daughters and a son: Temperance Jane; Nora, the wife of H. B. Catlett; Mildred; Lena; and Lowell T., who is assistant teller of the First National Bank of Danville and married Miss Vera Seed.

Not only has Mr. Newlon been actively connected with farming for many years but is also widely known because of his identification with public interests. His fellow townsmen have manifested their trust in him by calling him to various public positions. He filled the office of supervisor of Catlin township for three terms and was also collector and assessor there. In 1888 he came to Danville and was appointed deputy sheriff under J. C. Gundy, filling that office for two years. In 1890 he was elected sheriff and during his four years' incumbency in that position there occurred the great strike of the American Railway Union and at the same time five thousand miners in Vermilion county went out on a strike. The position that confronted Mr. Newlon was a most difficult one but he was equal to the emergency and carefully, quietly and efficiently directed the seven companies of militia who were called into service. It is such crises that test the real merit of a man. At no time did his judgment seem hasty, his course unwarranted. He sought the good of all and that his efforts were put forth along the lines of justice is indicated by the fact that when he became a candidate for county treasurer on the expiration of his term as sheriff he was elected without opposition. He served for four years as treasurer and in 1898 became chief deputy sheriff, spending three and a half years in that position under James Sloan. In 1901 he was again in the sheriff's office and in 1902 was appointed commissary of subsistence at the Soldiers' Home and has since held that position.

In his political views Mr. Newlon has ever been an earnest republican and a recognized worker in the ranks of the party. He served as delegate to the county and state conventions and was assistant sergeant-at-arms at the St. Louis convention when William McKinley was nominated for the presidency. For several terms he has served as a central committeeman and has done not a little toward shaping the policy of the party and promoting its success in Vermilion county. After passing through the degrees of the blue lodge in Masonry,

he became a member of Vermilion Chapter, No. 89, R. A. M., and took the degrees of Chivalric Masonry in Athelstan Commandery, No. 45, K. T. Both he and his wife are devoted and faithful members of the Presbyterian church, their labors in its behalf proving effective features in its support. As a soldier on the field of battle, as an incumbent in public office and in relations of private life, John Newlon has ever commanded the confidence and regard of his fellowmen and is most highly esteemed where best known. His public career has been varied in service and faultless in honor.

BRADFORD W. NEEL.

There is no doubt that in many instances the talents of the father are inherited by the son. In the case of Bradford W. Neel, whose name stands at the head of this review, this statement is clearly exemplified. His father was a blacksmith and the earliest recollection of the son is the music of the hammer and anvil, the hammer being wielded by the sturdy arm of the head of the family. After testing his abilities in various lines, our subject finally settled down to the business of his father and today he is at the head of one of the most completely appointed blacksmith establishments in eastern Illinois.

He was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1860, and is the son of William and Mary (Malcomb) Neel, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. The father came to Illinois at the close of the Civil war, in 1865, and settled at Conkey Town, Vermilion county, where he engaged in blacksmithing and wagon-making for five years. He then moved to a farm in this county which he operated for five years, afterward locating near Muncie, where he continued farming for another period of five years. Returning to the region of Oakwood, he once more engaged as a farmer, but after the death of his wife, in 1890, he returned to his original vocation as a blacksmith, his life coming to its close in 1897. He was the father of nine children, six of whom are living: Bradford W., our subject; Silas H., of Vermilion county; Daniel G., of Catlin; Jennie, of South Dakota; Warren, of Vermilion county; and Mary, a resident of South Dakota.

Bradford W. Neel remained with his parents and took advantage of such opportunities for education as were presented in the district schools until he was sixteen years of age. In the meantime he had gained some knowledge of the blacksmith's trade and he began his business career by working at that occupation. After a few years he became associated with Charles Baum of Newtown, Vermilion county, in handling horses, but in 1881 he sold out his interest and rented land, which he farmed for two years. The Kansas fever about this time took possession of many young men in the agricultural states north of the Ohio river and the subject of this sketch yielded to its seductions, but after a short experience on the wind-swept plains of the Sunflower state he retraced his steps to familiar scenes in Illinois and for ten years he engaged in mining coal. At the end of this time he established a blacksmith shop at Oakwood

and here he has remained, being at the head of a shop of which he is justly proud and which produces satisfactory returns for the labor expended.

On October 12, 1881, Mr. Neel was united in marriage to Miss Laura A. Lemasters, a native of Greene county, Indiana. Three years from the time of her marriage she was called to her final rest departing this life June 10, 1884. A child which was the result of the union died in infancy. On January 11, 1886, Mr. Neel was again married, selecting as the lady of his choice Mrs. Elizabeth Shock, of Vermilion county, a daughter of Moses and Elizabeth Stevenson of Ohio. Mrs. Neel was the mother of one child by her first marriage, a daughter, who is now Mrs. Charles Andrews, of Elkhart, Indiana.

Mr. Neel has been since reaching his majority an advocate of the republican party and while he has not sought political preferment, he was chosen by his fellow citizens as president of the village board, serving with general acceptance for four years. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 564, of Oakwood, and he and his wife are actively connected with the Methodist Episcopal church of Oakwood. As seen by this brief review, Mr. Neel is an intelligent, hard-working man and is known as one of the substantial citizens of his community.

GEORGE DUDENHOFER.

George Dudenhofer, a well known business man of Danville, claims Illinois as his native state, his birth having occurred in Alton, Madison county, April 3, 1860. His parents, George and Elizabeth (Burkley) Dudenhofer, were both natives of Germany and were people of the highest respectability. The father was born in 1834 and on his emigration to the new world, in 1853, settled in La Fayette, Indiana, where he was married. He was residing in that city when the Civil war broke out and he enlisted in the Union army, serving until the close of hostilities. He participated in a number of notable engagements and aided in keeping Morgan from making his raid into the north. During the holiday season of 1865 he removed from La Fayette to Danville, becoming the first cigar manufacturer in this city. He started in business in the old Peter Beyer building on West Main street, where he continued for a number of years and then removed to the Amos S. Williams building on the same street, remaining there for a period of fourteen years. At the end of that time he located at No. 123 East Main street, where he carried on operations up to the time of his death, which occurred in October, 1896. He was an honored member of Kenesaw Post, No. 77, G. A. R., of Danville and was held in high regard by all who knew him. His wife survived him for only a short time, passing away in August, 1897.

On attaining a sufficient age George Dudenhofer entered the public schools of Danville, where he continued his studies until reaching the eighth grade. He then left school and entered his father's shop, where he learned the cigar-maker's trade, later becoming financially interested in the business, which they

conducted in partnership until the father's death. Our subject was then alone in business until 1901, when he sold out and purchased the James Gilmore Bottling Works at No. 5, Jackson street, where he was engaged in manufacturing and bottling soft drinks for some time. He then removed to No. 38 Washington street, and from there to Nos. 110-112 East South street, being obliged at each removal to seek larger quarters on account of his increasing business. It was in 1907 that he began business at his present location and his plant is now fitted up with the latest and most improved machinery known to the trade. He has built up an excellent business, employing on an average of seven men, and ships his products throughout the surrounding country over a radius of from forty to fifty miles.

On the 29th of June, 1881, in Danville, Mr. Dudenhofer was united in marriage to Miss Minnie A. Kearney, a daughter of Patrick Kearney, who was born in Toronto, Canada. They now have three children, as follows: Charles T., who was born in Danville, November 15, 1883, and was married November 19, 1908, to Miss Blanche C. Hodges, also a native of Danville; Ida M., born September 28, 1882; and Frank G., born June 15, 1885.

For five years George Dudenhofer served as a member of Battery A, Danville National Guards, and he has always taken a very influential and prominent part in public affairs, serving as assistant supervisor for two terms, from 1892 to 1896. He holds membership in Danville Lodge, No. 69, Marsh Encampment, No. 46, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Damascus Lodge, No. 84, Knights of Pythias, Paughcaughnaughtsinque Tribe, No. 73, Improved Order of Red Men. He is also connected with Aerie, No. 508, Fraternal Order of Eagles. He has taken a prominent part in the work of the Illinois State Bottlers' Association and was elected president of that order in March, 1909, and reelected at the meeting held in Chicago in March, 1910. His family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church and they have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in the city which has now been his home for over forty-five years.

JESSE DAVIS.

Upon the role of Vermilion county's honored dead appears the name of Jesse Davis who, at the time of his demise, was one of the substantial agriculturists and large landowners of Catlin township. Although he was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, almost his entire life was spent in Illinois, coming here with his parents when a little lad of five years. Shortly after the arrival of the family in Vermilion county the father passed away, and Jesse Davis was reared by his mother, with whom he remained until attaining man's estate.

The period of his boyhood and youth was spent upon a farm, amid the busy activities of rural life, and he attended the common schools near his home in the acquirement of an education. The death of his father, however, made it necessary for him at an early age to assist in the cultivation of the home farm, and so, when still very young, he learned lessons of industry, independence

and self-reliance. He became thoroughly familiar with the best methods of carrying on the work of the fields, and later, upon entering the business world on his own account, he adopted agriculture as his life work, continuing actively in that connection until his demise. His efforts as an independent farmer were very successful, and with the passing years he prospered materially, making it possible for him to add to his property holdings until when he passed away he was the owner of four hundred acres in Vermilion county, ranking among the large landowners of this section. An important feature of his farm was the raising and feeding of stock of all kinds, and this branch of his business proved very successful, returning to him a most gratifying income.

In 1859 Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Melvina Hyatt, who was born in Kentucky on the 24th of November, 1838, a daughter of James and Martha (Roland) Hyatt, both now deceased. She was one of six children born unto her parents, and by her marriage became the mother of five children, four of whom survive their father. They are as follows: Clara J., the wife of Joe Haskins, of Catlin township; Van C. and Scott G., both residents of Vermilion county; and Minnie, who wedded David McMellen, of Danville, Illinois. The youngest child passed away in infancy.

Mr. Davis was ever stanch in his support of the republican party and served as school director for many years, doing all in his power to further the educational interests of the community. He was an active member of the Masonic lodge, the high principles upon which that organization is founded being exemplified in his daily life. He was public-spirited and loyal in all matters of citizenship, taking a deep interest in those measures and projects which had for their object the upbuilding and development of the county, and thus it was with his passing Vermilion county lost one of its representative and valued citizens. His death occurred on the 3d of May, 1890, and his remains were laid to rest in the beautiful Oakwood cemetery. Mrs. Davis survives her husband and lives with her oldest daughter in Catlin. She is a member of the Presbyterian church, to which her husband also belonged, and is a lady whose many excellent traits of heart and mind have won her the affection and esteem of all who know her.

ABRAHAM SANDUSKY.

The Sandusky family, as is indicated elsewhere in this work, is one of the noted families of Vermilion county. The older generation of the family in this state is no more; the ruthless progress of years has carried the venerable pioneers away, and no longer are they to be seen in the places that knew them so well. They have passed to their reward, but they left an enduring monument in the beautiful farms and in the history of lives spent in reducing nature to the uses of man. The early pioneer is gone and the modern man of business is now upon the stage, utilizing the railroad, the telegraph, and the latest improved machinery for operation of the farm and applying the discoveries of science in solving the problems of agriculture and live-stock breeding.



ABRAHAM SANDUSKY



MRS. ABRAHAM SANDUSKY

Yet there linger upon the scene the sons of the early pioneers and in many instances the sons were pioneers themselves and in their earlier years endured all the trials and difficulties incident to life in a new country. Among this number is Abraham Sandusky, a respected citizen of Vermilion county, now seventy-seven years of age and one of the few living men whose minds carry them back to the conditions on the Illinois frontier in the '30s. Mr. Sandusky is a native of Bourbon county, Kentucky, where he was born March 24, 1833. He is a son of Abraham and Jane (McDowell) Sandusky, both natives of Kentucky, the former born March 29, 1793, and the latter December 16, 1792. The son Abraham was brought to Illinois in the arms of his mother, when he was a babe six months old, and since the year 1833 he has been a resident of Illinois.

It is proper here to state that the Sandusky family is of Polish origin, the original spelling of the name being Sodowsky. The progenitor of the family in America was James Sodowsky, a Polish patriot, who was banished from his native land and sought an asylum in the British colonies. Here he became identified with the leaders of the American revolution and after the close of the war located as a hunter and trader in northern Ohio, where he met his death at the hands of the Indians, although he had been one of their best friends. The bay of Sandusky and the city of Sandusky, Ohio, derive their names from James Sodowsky. Members of the family settled in Kentucky and during the earlier part of the '30s several members of the family came to Vermilion county, bringing with them their wives and children. Here they erected their early homes, preempted government land and began the work which assisted so materially in the settlement of this county and the introduction of the comforts of civilization into eastern Illinois.

The subject of this review possessed little opportunity for education in his boyhood days, as the schools were in operation only for two or three months each winter and were generally conducted upon the subscription plan, the teacher boarding round among the patrons. The pioneers, however, were not men of books; they were men of action and hours of labor were long in a new country, where the forests were to be cleared away, the tough prairie sod broken, houses and fences, roads and bridges to be built, swamps to be drained and all these and many other operations to be carried forward in the face of a scarcity of money of which we can form no conception at the present time. Pioneer farmers, who were obliged to deliver the produce of their farms to market over the rough roads of those days, at a distance of fifty or one hundred miles, appreciate the advantages of a macadamized turnpike or a railroad. But times improved and when the Civil war arrived Abraham Sandusky was a prosperous farmer. In 1862 he began purchasing lands and during the years that followed carried on general farming on a large scale, accumulating a fortune of three hundred thousand dollars or more. In the meantime he became interested in the Exchange Bank, owning one-fourth of its stock. The bank became involved in the failure of a railroad projected from Paris to Danville and in the proceeding that followed, the entire fortune of Mr. Sandusky was swept away. Some men are overcome by financial disaster, others lose faith in themselves under such circumstances, but there are those who rise superior to the severest assaults of the unwelcome visitor and emerge from the conflict serene and undismayed.

Such a man is Abraham Sandusky. Although called upon later to meet even worse discouragements than the loss of money and lands, in the death of those he held most dear, he has never despaired, but with a faith undimmed has continued to trust that in the final summing up all will be well. He returned, after his estate had been settled up, to agricultural pursuits with redoubled energy, and by great diligence recovered six hundred acres of his farm, continuing actively in charge until twenty years ago when he retired, renting the farm to younger men. Shortly before the decease of his beloved wife, which occurred January 15, 1908, he deeded to her three hundred acres of the farm. For many years he was president of the Indianola Fair Association and did more than any other person in the county to keep the association alive, contributing also very largely to its success. As a farmer he has ranked as one of the most progressive in the county and few men in Illinois have done more to promote a better breed of cattle than he, his herd of shorthorns being considered for many years the leading herd in this part of the state.

On December 16, 1869, Mr. Sandusky was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Ellen Baird, a daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Mendenhall) Baird, who were early settlers of Vermilion county. Mrs. Sandusky was for nearly forty years at the side of her husband and she was to him a faithful and helpful assistant. The death of his wife was the greatest loss he has ever known. She was an earnest member of the Baptist church, while Mr. Sandusky has for many years been affiliated with the Cumberland Presbyterian church, but out of deference to his wife's views he usually attended the Baptist church during her life time. He has always been known as a man of most admirable principles, thoroughly loyal to his friends, a liberal giver to all worthy objects and a patriotic and broad-minded citizen, who has assisted in numberless ways in advancing the permanent welfare of the community. Indeed, no record of Vermilion county would be complete without a review of the honorable and useful career of Abraham Sandusky, recognized throughout the county as one of its most respected and estimable citizens.

JOHN O. CASS.

Among the successful farmers of Danville township, Vermilion county, who was born here and is now living upon the family homestead, is John O. Cass, whose eyes first opened to the light of day in 1846. He is a son of William and Rachel (Villars) Cass, both of whom were born in Ohio and came west in 1843, locating upon one hundred acres of land in Danville township, which the father has previously purchased. This land was entirely in its primitive condition and consisted of timber and prairie, so that it required years of labor in clearing away the trees, breaking the sod, and tiling the ground before it was brought to a reasonable state of productiveness. Mr. Cass, who is still living upon the farm, at the age of ninety years, proved a very successful farmer and increased the original one hundred acres by various purchases until he acquired a valuable property of three hundred and twenty acres. In

his family are three children: James W., John O., and Mary E., now Mrs. Brown.

The subject of our review was educated in the country schools and also in the schools at State Line. He assisted his father upon the farm and for some years engaged in teaching school during the winter. After the close of the Civil war he went to Arkansas, where he lived at three different times, but ten years ago he returned to the home farm, where he has since engaged prosperously in general farming and stock raising. He has made many improvements and is known as one of the wide-awake and efficient agriculturists of the community.

In 1871 Mr. Cass was united in marriage to Miss Mary B. Thayer of Highland county, Ohio. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cass: George T., who graduated from the Valparaiso Medical School and is now engaged in practice at Dodge, Nebraska; and Carrie H., now Mrs. Samson.

Mr. Cass is independent in politics and votes for those measures and men that he considers most important in advancing the permanent welfare of the state or nation. His wife is identified with the Episcopal church and is an active worker in behalf of all movements that tend to relieve the ills of humanity. She is also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, her ancestors having come to this country in colonial days and located in Virginia, where they were living during the Revolutionary war, in which members of the family took part under General Washington. Mr. Cass is a man of broad views who has learned many valuable lessons of practical use as he has passed along. As a farmer he is alert to the great improvements which have been made in the industry and he does not regret that he devoted his life to the farm which is the foundation of the republic and the main source of wealth all over the world. The home farm under his management has been brought to a high degree of cultivation and is known as one of the most productive farms in the region.

GEORGE WALZ.

George Walz, who comes of sturdy Teutonic ancestry and is recognized as one of the successful farmers of Danville township, Vermilion county, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, September 11, 1847. He is a son of John Walz, who was owner of a sawmill in the old country and who died when the subject of this review was five years of age. He was reared under the care of a kind mother, but a strange fate also deprived him of her counsel and protection, for when he was fourteen years of age death called her away and the son was left upon his own resources. He continued in the fatherland, working at such employment as presented itself, until 1867.

This was after the close of the Civil war and the clouds which had overhung the republic had disappeared and many ambitious young men of German parentage were looking toward America with the desire to establish here a

permanent home. Among this number was George Walz and at twenty years of age he came to America, landing at New York, where he remained for several months, when he traveled westward as far as Lafayette, Indiana. In the region of that city he found employment upon a farm and continued in the state until 1874, when he came to Danville and for eight years worked for Joseph English, who was the owner of a farm south of this city. Feeling that the time had arrived to begin operations for himself, he purchased seventy-two acres of wild land on the prairie east of the city and proceeded to improve it with an industry that in the course of years produced most gratifying returns. He was one of the first to pin his faith to the land in this region and many laughed at his endeavors, declaring that it could never be made productive. However, he paid no attention to these early critics and he now owns a valuable farm of two hundred and twenty acres, which he has built up through his own efforts and also maintains a herd of cows, which yields a gratifying recompense for his investment.

In 1872, in Indiana, Mr. Walz, was united in marriage to Miss Christina Theurer, who was born in Germany, and twelve children have blessed the union: Eli, deceased; Josephine, also deceased; Emma, now Mrs. John Zieder; Kate, now Mrs. Henry Linne; Ernest; Rosie, who became Mrs. Fred Andre and is now deceased; Josephine; Christina; Louisa; Carrie; Ida; and Olivia.

Mr. Walz has always been a staunch republican and cast his first vote for General U. S. Grant for president of the United States. He has served as school director of the district and is at the present time acting as road commissioner. He is recognized by those who know him as an earnest, intelligent and public-spirited citizen and his life presents a striking illustration of the effect of grit, perseverance and well directed industry in determining the destiny of any individual. From his boyhood he has been self-supporting and the principle of self-reliance which he adopted even as a youth has been one of his prominent characteristics and has carried him through many difficulties. He has many friends in the county where he has made his home for thirty-six years and where he has attained the success which results from industry when it is directed by good judgment.

JOHN L. TINCHER.

Deeply engraven on the pages of the history of Danville is the name of John L. Tinch, and his memory is yet cherished by those who knew him although many years have passed since he was called to his final rest. He was born in Kentcuky in 1821 and was a little lad of eight years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Vermilion county, Indiana. At the age of seventeen years, his parents having died in the meantime, he concluded that he would advance his education by further study, his course up to that time being such as could be obtained in the district schools. Realizing the need of further education, he therefore devoted three years to study in Coles

county, Illinois, and thus laid the foundation for his advancement along business lines.

Mr. Tincher, then went to work in the store of Jones & Culbertson in Newport, Indiana, and in 1843 came with J. M. Culbertson to Danville and again engaged in clerking until 1853. Desirous that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he resigned his position to become the senior partner of the newly organized firm of Tincher & English. The partnership was formed for the conduct of a mercantile enterprise which was carried on successfully for some time, after which the firm withdrew from that field and turned their attention to banking. Mr. Tincher was thus instrumental in organizing the First National Bank of the city and established it upon a substantial basis. All branches of the banking business were conducted and each won substantial success. The safe, conservative policy instituted at the beginning was always maintained and the bank met a long felt need in this city. As he prospered in his undertakings Mr. Tincher invested in property from time to time until he became the owner of considerable valuable real estate that enabled him to leave his family in very comfortable financial circumstances.

Not only through his success in business but also by reason of his ability and prominence in public life did Mr. Tincher become well known. In 1864 he was elected a member of the lower house of the general assembly and that his course in that office commended him to the public confidence is indicated by the fact that in 1867 he was elected to the senate. In 1870 he was once more elected to the upper house and in the same year was chosen a member of the convention that revised the constitution. He was actuated in all that he did by a marked public spirit and by unfaltering devotion to the general good. Honest and faithful, he sought the best interests of the community, of the commonwealth and of the nation, and while a member of the legislature he gave most careful consideration to the questions that came up for settlement. He never weighed any legislative act in his life in the scale of public policy but studied closely every feature of the situation and voted as his conscience and his judgment dictated.

In 1845 Mr. Tincher joined the Methodist Episcopal church and soon afterward was chosen to occupy a subordinate clerical relation to the church which he held until his death. He frequently preached in the absence of a regular minister and his efforts in behalf of the church were far-reaching and effective. In fact, his obligations in business, social, church and political relations were so many and so onerous that his life was undoubtedly shortened thereby. He was attending a session of the senate when, on the 17th of December, 1871, he passed away at the Revere House in Springfield. He was a man of superior mental activity, broad-minded and of keen discernment. He was, moreover, charitable and kindly in his nature and such was his ready sympathy and his helpful spirit that he was loved by all who knew him. Though many years have passed since he was called to his final rest, his name and memory are still cherished throughout the city.

On April 18, 1850, Mr. Tincher was married to Miss Caroline R. Hicks, a daughter of George W. Hicks, a well known citizen of Perrysville, Indiana, and also well known in Danville. They became the parents of eight children,

four still living: Joseph E., a resident of Oklahoma; Lulu T., the wife of R. D. Harvey, of New York city; John L., assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Danville; Thomas L., a resident of Joliet and a manufacturer of automobiles; Charles C. and George Frances, both deceased; Julia C., the deceased wife of Hon. E. R. E. Kimbrough; and Tilman Tincher.

HARRY YAEZELLE MERCER.

Harry Yaezelle Mercer, well known throughout the United States as a tenor soloist of marked ability, opened a studio of music in Danville in 1907 and has since met with excellent success in his chosen profession, specializing in voice culture. He was born in De Witt county, Illinois, his birth occurring in Farmer City, February 26, 1875, and he comes of a family noted for its musical talent, being of Scotch and Welsh extraction.

His father, Colonel David L. Mercer, was born in Ohio and throughout his business life was engaged in mechanical pursuits. During the Civil war he served as colonel of an Ohio regiment and took part in many notable engagements. After the close of hostilities he came to Illinois and was a resident of Farmer City at the time of his death, which occurred on the 1st of January, 1894. In early manhood he married Miss Malinda Cook, also a native of the Buckeye state, who died on the 23d of August, 1888. She possessed a good soprano voice and sang in the choir of a church at Bladensburg, Ohio, of which her husband was choir leader for seventeen years. From his parents Harry Y. Mercer undoubtedly inherited his musical talent. In the family were twelve children, of whom ten are still living. Three of the sons followed in the footsteps of their father and are now master mechanics and three are engineers. Besides these our subject has two sisters.

During his boyhood Harry Y. Mercer attended the public schools of Farmer City and later went to Sedalia, Missouri, where he took up voice culture with Madam Helen B. Gallie, a noted contralto, and continued with her for four years, one year of which time he was employed as assistant teacher. In 1895 he removed to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he studied for four years under Professor John Geiger and the following three years under Herr Karl Schneider. He also continued his studies with Christian Frederick Martene, a noted Norwegian, for three years, after which he took up circuit work and traveled throughout the east, west and south for a period of two and one-half years. Being ambitious to reach the highest goal possible, he decided to continue in his studies and with this end in view, removed to New York city, where for two years he studied under five of the most noted instructors in voice culture. At the end of that time he joined the Kilties Band as tenor soloist and traveled all over the United States, Canada, Mexico and Cuba, continuing with them for two full seasons, after which he returned to Indianapolis and for the following year devoted his time to Evangelistic work.

In 1907, Professor Mercer became a resident of Danville and opened a studio at No. 34 North Vermilion street, where he has since engaged in teach-

ing music, his specialty being voice culture, and he now has among his pupils many from Danville's most prominent families. For a year and a half he has also been choir leader and soloist in the Kimber Methodist Episcopal church and at the close of the season of 1909, with the assistance of his pupils gave the Messiah, the leading parts being taken by Zola, Harry and Lola Ridge, sopranos; May Griffith and Vera Esslinger, contraltos; John Payne and Mr. Mercer, tenors; John Marsh, Horace Benjamin and George Telling, bassos. It was regarded by all who heard it as one of the greatest performances ever held in the city of Danville. Mr. Mercer is an earnest member of the Kimber church and in his political views is a republican, though at local elections he often votes independent of party ties. He has become widely known throughout the country on account of his musical ability and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who hold him in high esteem.

WILLIAM P. TRIMMELL.

William P. Trimmell, a respected farmer of Oakwood township, Vermilion county, was born in this county, January 25, 1854. He is the son of William and Rosella (Gillen) Trimmell, a review of whom appears elsewhere in this work. The family is of French ancestry, the founder in this country settling originally in Kentucky, where he remained until 1823, when he located in Vermilion counay, Illinois. Mr. Trimmell of this review, represents the third generation of a family whose name is most favorably known and whose representation is not confined within the limits of this county. He is one of three children born to William and Rosella Trimmell, the other two being George, a farmer now living in Blount township, and Laura, the wife of Eli Fox, also of Vermilion county.

Mr. Trimmell received his education in the common schools and while he grew up became thoroughly familiar with farming operations. He is now living on the farm which he received from his father and has managed in such a way that he is recognized as one of the substantial men of the community. He occupies with his family a handsome residence supplied with all modern conveniences and the entire farm conveys the impression of an up-to-date establishment and reflects credit upon its owner and upon the entire community.

In May, 1893, Mr. Trimmell was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Smith, a daughter of John and Nancy (Wright) Smith, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Missouri. They were married in Illinois and resided on a farm in this county until 1890, since which time they have lived retired at Oakwood. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, three of whom are still living: Ida E., the wife of Adelbert Meade, of Oakwood; Lulu, the wife of Ira Peters, also of Oakwood; and Mattie, the wife of the subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Trimmell have been blessed by the arrival of three children in their home: Ross, born January 27, 1896; Mont,

who was born July 1, 1901, and departed this life at the age of six years; and Ray, born March 31, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Trimmell are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the sincerity of their faith is indicated by their thought for others and the assistance extended by them to all worthy causes. Mr. Trimmell is an advocate of the principles of the republican party, but he has never aspired to political honors. He is recognized as a worthy representative of the farming interests and in the community where he has been known all his life he has many friends and well wishers.

HON. LAWRENCE T. ALLEN.

One of the most successful among the younger representatives of the legal fraternity in Danville, is Lawrence T. Allen, who is now so efficiently serving as judge of the county court of Vermilion county. He was born in Hoopeston on the 24th of October, 1882, and is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of this county, his parents being Charles A. and Mary (Thompson) Allen, both natives of Rossville. His grandfather, William I. Allen, came to Danville in 1841, and in this county was united in marriage to Miss Emily Newell on the 17th of October, 1848. Her father was Esquire Newell, for whom Newell township, this county, was named. For a time the grandfather served as justice of the peace and was subsequently appointed by the county commissioners as county treasurer, in which capacity he served for several years. On coming to this region he entered about three section of government land near Hoopeston, which he later sold to Thomas Hoopes, in whose honor the town was named. During the Civil war he entered the Union service as captain of a company, but did not serve throughout the entire struggle. The deaths of both himself and wife occurred in Hoopeston. They were among the early settlers of Vermilion county and were very prominent in its pioneer history.

Charles A. Allen, the father of the judge, is a graduate of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was successfully engaged in the practice of law in this county for a number of years. A man of marked ability, he early became a recognized leader in political affairs and was called upon to serve in the state legislature, being a member of the general assembly for the long period of twenty-four years. He has filled that position continuously with the exception of one term, and is today the oldest legislator in point of service in the state. In early manhood he married Miss Mary Thompson, a daughter of Lewis M. and Judith (Burrough) Thompson, who were married August 7, 1848, in Danville, and were also early settlers of this region. Her father entered a tract of government land at Danville, where he still continues to make his home and is now living retired.

Judge Allen obtained his early education in the schools of Hoopeston, and after leaving high school, entered the University of Illinois at Urbana, where he pursued a law course and was graduated in 1905. He also pursued a literary course in that institution and at the University of Chicago, and was well equipped



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to engage in his chosen profession on his admission to the bar in 1905. He began practice in connection with his father in Danville, and is regarded as an able advocate and safe counselor. On the 8th of June, 1909, he was elected judge of the county court to fill a vacancy, reelected November 8, 1910, without opposition, and is now most acceptably discharging the duties of that office. Recognizing the fact that close study must be the basis of legal knowledge and a liberal foundation upon which is built the pedestal of success, he has carried his investigations far and wide into the realm of jurisprudence, and is well versed in principle and precedent.

Socially he affiliates with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, and in military circles has become widely known, holding the rank of lieutenant in Battery A, Artillery Battalion, Illinois National Guards. But it is in professional circles that he is best known, and today he is the youngest man to occupy the position of county judge in this county, and is said to be the youngest in the state.

JOSEPH S. DAVIS.

Joseph S. Davis is identified with both farming and merchandising in the township and village of Oakwood. Vermilion county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred here on the 18th of April, 1852. His parents were Joseph V. and Cynthia (McCorkle) Davis, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Virginia. The Davis and McCorkle families both came to Illinois at an early day and settled on farms near Catlin. The Davis family entered and purchased land and at one time owned sixty-four hundred acres in Illinois and Wisconsin. It was in 1851 that Joseph V. Davis wedded Cynthia McCorkle but his death occurred the following year, leaving a widow with an infant son—our subject. Mrs. Davis afterward lived with her mother for six years and on the 4th of July, 1858, she gave her hand in marriage to J. M. Doran, a native of this county. They are still living upon a farm near Oakwood, Mr. Doran at the age of eighty-eight years and his wife at the age of eighty-one. There were three children of this marriage, who are still living: Sarah, the wife of Charles Davis; Grant, with his mother; and Charles E., who makes his home in this county.

Mr. Doran has been to Joseph S. Davis always as an own father. The latter remained upon the home farm until he had attained his majority, although previous to that time he began farming on his own account, continuing to board at home for some years, or until 1908. He now owns one hundred and twenty acres of finely improved land a half mile from Oakwood and in connection with its further development and improvement he is also engaged in the conduct of a general mercantile store in the town. He occupies a fine residence in the town and owns another dwelling there. He has made his success largely through handling and feeding stock while upon the farm. However, his sound business judgment and keen discrimination enable him to carry

forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and in addition to his other business he is the owner of a mill which he operated for eight years.

On the first of March, 1910, Mr. Davis was married to Miss Elsie Oakwood, a native of Vermilion county and a daughter of M. L. and Julia (Trimble) Oakwood. Her father was born in the township which bears his name, October 8, 1855, his parents being J. H. and Priscilla (Saylor) Oakwood, in whose family were eight children, of whom five are yet living. M. L. Oakwood remained at home until his marriage on the 1st of February, 1883, to Miss Julia E. Trimble, who was born in this county and is a daughter of Preston and Rebecca J. (Brittingham) Trimble, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Oakwood township. Mrs. Trimble died in 1858 but Mr. Trimble is still living in Oakwood. Mrs. Julia Oakwood was their only child. Following his marriage Mr. Oakwood located upon a farm and there lived for nine years, after which he removed to a farm which his father gave him, making his home thereon until his death, which occurred December 20, 1901. He was a republican in politics and a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His widow belongs to the same church and has many warm friends in this locality. She still manages the home farm and attends to all the business connected therewith. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Oakwood were born two daughters: Elsie O., the wife of J. S. Davis, of Oakwood township; and Ida Glee, the wife of Charles Anderson, of Sesser, Franklin county, Illinois.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Davis also belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and are loyal to its teachings and generous in its support. His views upon the temperance question led him to give earnest support to the prohibition party. He has never been an office seeker although he is now serving as police magistrate of Oakwood. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Modern Woodmen camp and has filled most of the chairs in the latter. Both he and his wife are well known in Oakwood and this section of the county where they have long resided, being numbered among the representatives of some of the oldest and most honored pioneer families.

LOUIS CLEMENTS.

Although one of the younger representatives of the legal profession, Louis Clements has already made for himself an enviable position as one of the leading attorneys of Danville. A native of Illinois, he was born in Carbondale, on the 12th of September, 1877, and on the paternal side is of Scotch and English descent, his ancestors having settled in Virginia and Maryland at a very early day. In fact, the first to come to the new world crossed the ocean with Lord Baltimore and later fought for the independence of the nation.

His father, Colonel Isaac Clements, became well known as the governor of the Danville branch of the National Soldiers' Home. The father was born in Brookville, Indiana, March 31, 1837, and was a son of Isaac Clements, a native of Maryland, who removed to the Hoosier state at an early day and died in Laurel, Indiana, in 1873. After acquiring his education in the com-

mon schools of his native state Colonel Clements engaged in teaching for a time and at the age of twenty entered Asbury University at Greencastle, where he was graduated in 1859. The same year he became a resident of Jackson county, Illinois, where for six months he engaged in teaching school, and, having in the meantime studied law, he was admitted to the bar and began practice in 1861. At the opening of the Civil war, however, he decided to enter the service and became second lieutenant in Company G, Ninth Illinois Infantry, and was promoted provost marshal at Athens, Alabama, serving in that capacity from 1863 until the spring of 1864, when he resigned in order to rejoin his company, which was then advancing on Atlanta. He participated in many important engagements and was twice severely wounded at Shiloh and again at Corinth. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged with the rank of captain. Returning north, he made his home in Carbondale for forty years and for some time was successfully engaged in the practice of law. He also took a very active and prominent part in public affairs and represented his district in congress.

In 1877 he was appointed penitentiary commissioner for the southern prison at Chester and acted in that capacity for eleven consecutive years. Later he was United States pension agent at Chicago for three years and for nearly a year was superintendent of the Soldiers Orphans Home at Normal, Illinois. It was in December, 1898, that he received the appointment as governor of the Soldiers' Home at Danville, being the first to fill that position. His public and private life were alike above reproach and at his death, which occurred May 31, 1909, the community realized that it had lost a valuable citizen. Colonel Clements was married November 16, 1864, to Miss Josephine Nutt, a daughter of Cyrus Nutt, D. D., LL. D., of Bloomington, Indiana. For some time her father was a professor in Allegheny College, Pennsylvania, and became the first president of Asbury University while subsequently he was a professor at the University in Bloomington, Indiana. His ancestors were from New England and were also represented in the Revolutionary war, Unto Colonel and Mrs. Clements were born four children, of whom three are still living, namely, Frank, Louis and Robert. The mother also survives and continues to make her home in Danville. For many years the Colonel was an honored member of the Masonic fraternity and was also connected with the Grand Army of the Republic.

Louis Clements acquired his early education in the schools of Carbondale and southern Illinois and later entered the state normal, from which he was graduated in 1897. He was subsequently a student at the Northwestern University of Evanston and completed the course with the class of 1902, receiving the degree of B. A. on his graduation. He studied law and on his admission to the bar formed a partnership with H. M. Steely, of Danville, which connection continued for six years. In 1908, however, this partnership was dissolved and Mr. Clements has since been alone in the general practice of law. He has a large clientele and has been employed on many of the most important cases tried in this section of the state during his active connection with the bar.

Mr. Clements is a republican in his political views and, although he takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, he has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his professional work. In religious faith he is a Methodist and is today a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Mutual Protective League of Illinois. Socially he belongs to the One Hundred Thousand Club and also to the Danville Golf Club, of which he is secretary and treasurer. Fortunate in possessing ability and character that inspire confidence, he has gained for himself a position of prominence in professional and social circles and his influence is always given in support of whatever he believes will promote the best interests of the community.

SAMUEL BLAIR.

Seventy-two years ago Samuel Blair, who is a well known farmer of Vermilion county, first saw the light of day. He was born December 5, 1838 in a log house on the farm in Newell township where he has ever since lived, and is a son of William G. and Christiana (Bradin) Blair, his father being a native of Harrison county, Kentucky, and his mother of Logan county, Ohio. The parents were among the pioneers of Illinois, who came to Vermilion county in the early part of the nineteenth century, when the country was largely open to settlement and while Illinois was still a territory. After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Blair, January 11, 1818, they settled upon the land which became the family homestead. Here the pioneer couple set up housekeeping and the head of the house began clearing away the trees and preparing the land for cultivation. In his farming he proved to be more than ordinarily successful. In addition to a common-school education he had in his earlier years received instruction in civil engineering and for a quarter of a century he was of great assistance to settlers for many miles about in locating their lands and dividing up their fields. At the time of his death, which occurred May 4, 1882, he was the owner of a finely improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres, the result of his perseverance and well applied industry. His wife, the mother of our subject, departed this life October 2, 1877. They were typical representatives of the pioneers of Illinois, who made possible the comforts and conveniences that are to be found upon every side at the present time.

Samuel Blair grew to manhood upon the farm and continued assisting his parents until he was twenty-one years of age. He was educated in the district schools and is the sole survivor in a family of seven children. Upon the death of his father he inherited one hundred and sixty acres of the homestead, which he has greatly improved and supplied with the conveniences of modern life. His mind often reverts to the scenes and experiences of earlier years and few men of the county are better acquainted with the trials and vicissitudes of the farm as they were experienced fifty or sixty years ago. He remembers that when he was from fifteen to twenty-one years of age, during the '50s, it was a part of

his duty each year to gather the apples in his father's orchard and haul them by wagon to Chicago, returning loaded with freight of various kinds for the merchants of Danville.

On February 28, 1861, Mr. Blair was united in marriage to Miss Mary Cossiart, who was born in Missouri but came to Illinois with her parents in her girlhood. Here they spent the remaining years of their life. She was the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children. To Mr. Blair and his wife six children have been born: Henry, who married Miss Katie Campbell and is living in Vermilion county; Robert E. Lee, who married Miss Jennie Watson and lives at Salem, Illinois; Clara M., who became the wife of Irvin Cunningham, of Vermilion county; and Flora A., Franklin and Arthur, all of whom are deceased.

Mr. Blair is identified with the democratic party, as he believes that its principles are best adapted for the perpetuity of republican institutions. While he has not been a candidate for political honors, he held the office of township clerk for two terms and commissioner of highways for three terms. For five years he acted as postmaster and for six years as member of the school board. In all of these responsible positions he discharged his duties in such a way as to meet the approval of the people of the township. For many years he has been a member of the United Brethren church and by his integrity and honesty in all business dealings he attained a standing which is to any man of inestimable value and in the long run is worth much more to him than all the honors that could be purchased by the use of money. He is recognized as a substantial and representative citizen by those with whom he has long been associated and one who from the beginning of his career has been deeply interested in the material, mental and moral welfare of the community.

JUDGE S. MURRAY CLARK.

Judge S. Murray Clark, who since 1906 has been assistant district attorney for the eastern district of Illinois, previous to which time he sat upon the bench of the county court for four years, has for a considerable period been numbered among the ablest representatives of the Danville bar. He has hardly reached the prime of life and yet for a number of years he has ranked with older men whose ability has gained them eminence in the legal profession in this part of the state.

Judge Clark is a native of Indiana, his birth having occurred in Crawfordsville on the 15th of May, 1869. He comes of an old family of North Carolina in which state his grandfather, Samuel Clark, was born, reared and married, removing thence to Indiana when his son, John G. Clark, the father of Judge Clark, was but two years of age. The latter, therefore, was reared upon the frontier. After arriving at years of maturity he wedded Mary Holiday, a daughter of William Holiday, who was born in North Carolina and in the paternal line traced his ancestry back to the Penn colony. He became one of the pioneer settlers of Vermilion county, Illinois, establishing his home here

when his daughter Mary was a young girl. It was in this county that Mary Holiday gave her hand in marriage to Dr. John G. Clark, who in the meantime had taken up the study of dentistry and following his marriage engaged in the practice of his profession at Covington, Indiana. Impaired health, however, led him to seek the advantages of outdoor life and he therefore began farming near Crawfordsville, where he remained for some time. He afterward located for the practice of dentistry in Thorntown, Indiana, but later again took up the occupation of farming. In the spring of 1870 he established his home upon a farm in Elwood township, Vermilion county, and made his home thereon for twenty years, after which he resided at Vermilion Grove for five years. Later he became the president of the First National Bank in Georgetown and has since been closely associated with the financial interests of that place. He was reared in the faith of the Society of Friends or Quakers and has ever been loyal to the teachings of that sect. His political allegiance is unfalteringly given to the republican party and while the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, he has ever cooperated in measures for the public good. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Clark have been born three children: O. P., who married Ada Elliott and is cashier of the First National Bank at Georgetown; S. Murray, of this review; and Emma, the wife of Professor C. E. Cosand, who is engaged in teaching in Wichita, Kansas.

Judge Clark accompanied his parents on the various removals which they made during the period of his youth. His early education was acquired in the public schools and he afterward attended Vermilion Academy at Vermilion Grove, where he pursued his studies until 1887. He afterward spent two years in Earlham College, at Richmond, Indiana, and in preparation for the bar matriculated in the Bloomington law school, a department of the Wesleyan University. He was graduated on the completion of his course in 1893 and at Ridge Farm began practicing, but in 1894 removed to Danville and has since been an honored and representative member of the bar of this city. For a time he was associated in practice with George G. Mabin, and the firm of Mabin & Clark was recognized as one of the strongest of the Vermilion county bar. Mr. Clark was chosen as one of the counsel for the plaintiff in the case of Carrie Corbitt versus John Gernand, in which the jury gave a verdict in favor of his client for fifty-four thousand, three hundred and thirty-three and a third dollars—the largest breach of promise verdict ever rendered in the United States. Mr. Clark has conducted many personal injury cases and the firm won a verdict of ten thousand dollars for their client in the case of Sherber versus Lorton. In 1902 Mr. Clark was appointed county judge to succeed Judge Thompson, who had been elected to the circuit court. He served for three months and was then elected to the office which he filled until 1906, when he resigned to become assistant district attorney of the eastern district of Illinois, which position he is now filling. His decisions while on the bench indicated strong mentality, careful analysis, a thorough knowledge of the law and an unbiased judgment. The successful lawyer and competent judge must be a man of well balanced intellect, thoroughly familiar with the law and practice, of comprehensive general information, possessed of an analytical mind and a self-control that will enable him to lose his individuality, his personal feelings,

his prejudices and his peculiarities of disposition in the dignity, impartiality and equity of the office to which life, property, right and liberty must look for protection. Possessing these qualities, Judge Clark justly merited the good words spoken concerning his service on the bench and he is proving equally capable in the discharge of his duties as assistant district attorney.

Judge Clark was married on the 6th of August, 1895, to Miss Myra Mendenhall, the wedding being celebrated in Vermilion Grove, Illinois. Mrs. Clark was born in Catlin, this state, January 6, 1871, and is a daughter of Dr. M. C. and Cynthia (Kennedy) Mendenhall, natives of North Carolina and Indiana respectively. They were married at Center Point, Indiana, and Dr. Mendenhall afterward engaged in the practice of medicine in Catlin, Illinois, being one of the early as well as the more successful physicians of that place. Judge and Mrs. Clark have a wide acquaintance in Danville, and the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them. The Judge holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knight of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his political views he has always been a republican and his political, social and professional prominence places him in a foremost position among Danville's honored and valued citizens.

GEORGE HUMRICHOUSE.

George Humrichouse needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for as president of the Danville Wholesale Grocery Company he is well known. During his residence here he has been active in cooperating in many movements for the public good and his business affairs have largely been of a character that have contributed to the general development and improvement.

A native of Illinois, he was born in Monmouth, on the 7th of September, 1868, and on the paternal side is of German descent, while his maternal ancestors were of Scotch origin. His parents were James W. and Priscilla Grace Humrichouse, who are still living and are now residents of Frankfort, Indiana. For many years the father was actively engaged in farming and the real-estate business, but is now practically living retired.

George Humrichouse received a good practical education in the grammar and high schools of Homer, Illinois, and, being well fitted for teaching, he successfully followed that profession in Champaign and Vermilion counties for eight years, after which he embarked in the retail grocery business, being associated with his father as part owner of the store from 1897 to 1902. Their location was at 112 East Main street and they built up a good business. In 1902, however, our subject was one of the incorporators of the Danville Wholesale Grocery Company, of which he is now president, and it is mainly through his well directed efforts that the business has been built up. He is a wide-awake, energetic and progressive business man, who usually carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and he has made the firm with which he is now connected widely known throughout this section of the

state. Carrying a first-class line of goods, their trade has steadily increased until it has now reached extensive proportions, this being largely due to the reliable and progressive business methods of the members.

At Ridgeway, Missouri, July 23, 1891, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Humrichouse and Miss Mary Stoughton, a daughter of Nathaniel N. Stoughton, who is still living in Ridgeway and is a representative of one of the old families of that city. To Mr. and Mrs. Humrichouse has been born a son, Elton, whose birth occurred in Homer, July 1, 1892, and they also have an adopted child, who was taken from the Children's Home.

They are earnest and consistent members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Humrichouse is also identified with the One Hundred Thousand Club. In politics he is independent, giving his allegiance to those men and measures which he believes will prove of public benefit. He has taken the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection and the Royal Arch chapter of the Masonic fraternity and is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. Being a lover of outdoor sports, he takes quite an enthusiastic interest in baseball and is a genial, social gentleman, who makes friends wherever he goes. He is popular both in business and social circles and is today regarded as one of the leading citizens of his adopted city.

GEORGE B. JONES, V. S.

Dr. George B. Jones, whose skill as a veterinarian has brought him a large and lucrative practice in his chosen profession, was born near Paris, Edgar county, Illinois, on the 28th of October, 1864, and is a son of Lewis and Eliza (Shields) Jones, natives of Bourbon county, Kentucky, and of Edgar county, Illinois, respectively. The father came with his parents to this state about 1843, settling in Edgar county, where he attained his majority, was married and still makes his home. He has devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits, and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land, which responds readily to the care and cultivation that he bestows upon it. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party but without desire for office as a reward for party fealty. His wife is a consistent Christian woman, holding membership in the Baptist church. Her father, Elder William Shields, was a member of the state legislature from his district for a number of years, and was one of the prominent influential and honored residents of his section.

Dr. Jones spent his youthful days at home, and the public schools afforded him his early educational privileges, which were supplemented by a course of study in the Valparaiso Normal School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1888. He then began teaching and for seven years was identified with educational work, but abandoned that profession in 1892, in order to go to Toronto, Canada, and enter the Ontario Veterinary College at Toronto, Canada, in preparation for the profession which he is now making his life work. He was graduated from that school in the class of 1894, and came direct to Sidell, Illinois, where he began his practice, which has been built up to extensive



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and profitable proportions. He is one of the ablest representatives of the profession in this section of the state and holds the government appointment of deputy on the United States Board of Animal Industry. He is also filling the position of deputy assistant state veterinary for the state of Illinois. These two appointments came to him without his solicitation and indicate his standing in his profession. He is an active member of the American Veterinary Association and a member of the Illinois State Veterinary Association, and is a contributor to the columns of the publication of each organization.

On the 6th of March, 1895, Dr. Jones was married to Miss Ettie Mapes, who resided near Paris, Edgar county, and unto them have been born three sons, Howard L., George C. and Frank. Dr. Jones is a member of Austin Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Paris, with which he has been identified for thirty years. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has served both as alderman and mayor of Sidell, being called to public office by the vote of his fellow townsmen who recognize his public spirit and his fidelity to the best interests of the community. He manifests both promptness and accuracy in the discharge of his duties and his devotion to the public good stands as an unquestioned fact in his life. He has been a member of the school board of Sidell, serving as its president for five years.

AMOS SMITH WILLIAMS.

Among the men who have been active in inaugurating and shaping the business policy and commercial development of Danville was Amos S. Williams, who was prominently identified with a number of business enterprises. His demise, therefore, removed from the city one whom she could ill afford to lose, a man whose strength of purpose and undaunted energy found expression in the development of business concerns whose magnitude made them not only a source of individual profit but also an element in the city's growth.

Mr. Williams was born on the 22d of August, 1831, in Danville, and was a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family. His father, Amos Williams, who was of German descent, came to this state from Pennsylvania at a very early day and after living for a short time at Butler Point, took up his residence in Danville. He at once became an active factor in public affairs and was elected the first county clerk on the organization of Vermilion county. For some time he engaged in teaching school and was also employed as a surveyor, and prior to his removal to Vermilion county served as county clerk of Edgar county. He was a man of most accurate habits as is shown by the records which he kept. Other positions of honor and trust were conferred upon him and he served as circuit clerk, probate judge, pound master and postmaster of Danville and his official duties were always discharged in a prompt and able manner that won the commendation of all concerned. He assisted in laying out the city and, being deeply interested in educational affairs, did much toward securing good schools and competent teachers. Whatever he did he did well and his record is one well worthy of emulation. He died in Danville in 1857. In his family were six

children: Maria Louise, born at Butler Point, Vermilion county, February 22, 1827; Benjamin Franklin, born in Danville, April 19, 1829; Amos S., of this review; Charlotte E., born December 30, 1833; Mary Julie, born January 12, 1836; and Enoch A., born July 15, 1838.

Born in Danville when this region was a frontier settlement, Amos S. Williams early became familiar with pioneer life. His early education was obtained in the schools of this county and he later pursued his studies at Paris, Illinois. He began his business career as a hardware merchant in Danville, but subsequently spent seven years in California, and on his return to this state resumed the hardware business here. Later he turned his attention to the queen's ware and coal business, which he carried on for a number of years, but his last days were spent in honorable retirement from labor. As time passed he became interested in many important enterprises of the city, whose success was due largely to his untiring and well directed efforts. He was a man of excellent business ability and sound judgment and in the conduct of his affairs met with well deserved success. He assisted in establishing and conducting the Iron Wagon Works, one of the early factories of the city, also the Starch Works and a box factory and was vice president of the first street car company organized in Danville. Through such business connections he materially assisted in the development and upbuilding of the city and did much to promote its prosperity.

Mr. Williams was married February 15, 1860, to Miss Sarah Jane Gregson, who was born in Danville, October 19, 1835. Her father, George Gregson, was also a pioneer of Vermilion county and was of English birth, but crossed the Atlantic to America in early life. He died when Mrs. Williams was only seven weeks old. The children born to our subject and his wife are: Mrs. Lynne Beckwith; Ernest, who died when about nine years of age; Victor and Carroll.

In early manhood Mr. Williams united with the Methodist church but later became an active member of the Episcopal church and took an active part in its work, also contributing liberally to its support. Politically he affiliated with the democratic party but never took an active part in politics aside from voting, as his extensive business interests claimed his undivided attention. He was a life-long resident of Danville and had a very wide acquaintance throughout this section of the State, especially among those who had been active in shaping the course of events. He passed away on the 14th of February, 1891, and a life of genuine and unostentatious usefulness was brought to a close, his sterling worth, however, being manifest in the appreciation of his large circle of friends.

D. M. WYMAN.

Fifty-eight years ago D. M. Wyman, a farmer now living retired at Potomac, located in Vermilion county. He was then nineteen years of age, at the beginning of an active career which continued without intermission until five years ago, since which time he has rested from his labors and now enjoys the repose that is earned by one who through a long life has attempted to perform his duty. Since Mr. Wyman located in this region great transformations have

taken place in Vermilion county and throughout the entire country. The county, then thinly settled and just emerging from its primitive condition, now blossoms with thriving farms and established communities. The vast territory to the west as far as the Pacific ocean has been settled; the Civil war came and passed, leaving its impress on the whole country and even throughout the entire world; the railroads and telegraph have been introduced and all the comforts that we now recognize as such important features in modern civilization became available. Mr. Wyman has contributed his part toward this end and now, having laid aside the implements of agriculture, in the peace of his home he reviews the past, many of the scenes being as clear in his memory as of they had transpired only yesterday.

Mr. Wyman was born in Athens county, Ohio, July 4, 1833, and is the son of De Marquis and Parmelia (Johnson) Wyman, the former a native of Steuben county, New York, and the latter also a native of the Empire state. The father of our subject grew to manhood in his native state and then decided to seek his fortune in the west, which was at that time largely a wilderness. Means of transportation being limited and the roads few and very poorly constructed, he built a boat with his own hands on the upper waters of the Ohio river and floated down that stream to Marietta, a town founded by settlers on the Ohio river in 1788. Landing at this place, he traveled over land to Athens, one of the old settlements of Ohio, and built a mill. The region about Athens was thickly wooded. He decided to establish himself in the lumber business, conveying the product of his mill by water to Louisville, Kentucky, which was the nearest market of importance then available. On his first trip to Louisville Mr. Wyman was seized by cholera, then ravaging the frontier settlements, and died far from home and among strangers. This was in 1833, the same year in which the subject of this review was born. The mother long survived her husband, departing this life at an advanced age, in 1891. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wyman, two of whom are now living: D. M., the subject of this review; and Lavisa, the widow of John Trebilcock, a pioneer of Van Buren county, Illinois, who died August 29, 1910.

D. M. Wyman was educated in the public schools and on account of the death of his father was early thrown upon his own resources and became acquainted with labor, thus developing a sturdy spirit of self-reliance that has been an important element in his life. In 1852, being then nineteen years of age and realizing the importance of an early start for any young man who hopes to be master of his own destiny, he located land at Cherry Grove, in this county, on Eight Mile Prairie. This land he improved and developed into a fertile farm, upon which he lived until five years ago, when he retired to Potomac. He is now the owner of four hundred and seventy-five acres of land in Middlefork township and also of valuable property in Potomac.

In 1856 Mr. Wyman was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Spencer, of McLean county, this state. Two children were born of the union: Mary, now deceased; and William, a farmer, of Middlefork township. Being deprived of his wife by death, Mr. Wyman was married in 1860 to Miss Mahala Juvenall, who proved to him a helpful and loving companion for forty-five years and departed this life September 5, 1905. Four children were born of

this union: Austin J., Lily, the wife of Charles Cunningham, and Charles Wyman, all living upon the home farm; and Elijah J., a farmer of Ross township.

Mr. Wyman cast his first vote as an old line whig and when that party was merged into the republican party, he adopted the principles of its successor and has ever since been an ardent republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and as one of the early settlers of the county whose activities have always been in behalf of the upbuilding of the community, he is eminently worthy of mention in this volume. Esteemed wherever his name is known, everybody has a good word for D. M. Wyman.

DR. T. H. RUNYON.

To no profession as much as to the medical does the health and happiness of a community owe its existence, and of this profession Dr. T. H. Runyon has been a successful and prominent representative for more than four decades. One of Kentucky's contributions to the citizenship of Illinois, he was born in Mason county on the 25th of April, 1831, a son of Daniel and Ruth (Robison) Runyon, both natives of that state, where their entire lives were spent. He was the youngest in a family of nine children, and has two sisters still surviving, the elder being now in her ninety-fourth year.

Reared in his native state, Dr. T. H. Runyon is indebted to the public schools of Kentucky for his early educational privileges, and after his graduation therefrom, when but eighteen years of age, he entered upon a medical course at Cincinnati, Ohio. Later he entered the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the class of 1855, after which he located for practice at Mays Lick, Kentucky, where he remained for four years. At the expiration of that period he went to Louisiana and was there engaged in the practice of his profession until the opening of the Civil war, when, laying aside all personal interests, he joined the southern army, enlisting as a private in Company F., Louisiana Cavalry. Later he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and participated in many of the important and hotly contested battles of the war, including Chickamauga, Mills Springs, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and many others. He served throughout the entire period of hostilities and was mustered out at Holly Springs, Mississippi, with a most creditable military record.

After the close of the war Dr. Runyon returned to Kentucky and resumed the practice of his chosen calling, there remaining until 1869, in which year he came to Catlin, Illinois, and practiced here until 1875, when he went to Florida and there opened an office. Later he went to McLean county, Illinois, locating at Normal, and after spending four years in that city went to Perrysville, Indiana, where he remained a similar period, after which he again came to Catlin and has since practiced here. He has been accorded a good patronage, for his thorough preparatory training, supplemented by many years of practical experience, has made him a valuable member of the medical fraternity. He has ever recognized the responsibilities that devolve upon him in his chosen calling and has been most conscientious in the discharge of all duties connected therewith,

so that he has won the trust and confidence of a large patronage. Although he has almost reached the eightieth milestone on life's journey he yet remains the loved family physician of many households and is recognized as one of the well-known and able physicians of Catlin.

It was in 1868 that Dr. Runyon was united in marriage to Miss Cora L. Triplett, a native of Kentucky, who passed away in 1880. By her marriage she had become the mother of six children, namely: William H.; Kate L., the wife of Albert Olmsted, of Louisiana; Clay T., a resident of Kingfisher, Oklahoma; and three who have now passed away, the fourth and fifth in order of birth being twins. After the death of his first wife Dr. Runyon was again united in marriage, his second union being with Miss Tilly A. Onley, the ceremony being celebrated in 1883. She is a native of London, England, and a daughter of Richard Onley.

The Doctor and his wife hold membership in the Church of Christ, the teachings of which form the guiding influences in their lives and in the work of which they are deeply interested. In his fraternal relations Dr. Runyon is identified with the Masonic order, holding membership in the blue lodge, in which he has filled part of the chairs, and is also one of the charter members of the Odd Fellow lodge of Catlin. Politically he gives his support to the democratic party but has never desired nor sought office as a reward for party fealty, preferring to concentrate his time and energies upon his professional duties. Although he has long since passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he is still an active worker in the world's work. A man of high and pure ideals, he is well fitted to fill the intimate place which is naturally that of a family physician in any community, and in all relations of life, whether private, public or professional, he has been found a citizen of genuine worth.

AUGUSTUS H. STARR.

Augustus H. Starr, one of the resourceful farmers of Vermilion county, who lives upon a well improved farm which he acquired by his own exertions, in a native of this county, born June 10, 1874. He is the son of James and Maria (Reiser) Starr, who settled upon a farm in this county many years ago and are now living retired at Danville, enjoying the fruits of well directed industry. They are the owners of the beautiful residence in which they live and of a productive farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres in Newell township. Six children were born to them: Frederick H., who is now living at Lane, South Dakota; William R., of Danville; Augustus H., the subject of this review; Franklin E., a resident of Denver, Colorado; Harry G., of Vermilion county; and Orton R., who is living at home. The children were all given the advantages of education not only in the common schools but in business college. Franklin E. Starr showed a decided inclination for intellectual pursuits and is a graduate of Grier College of Hoopeston, also of the Union Christian College of Merom, Indiana.

Augustus H. Starr remained upon the home farm until he was twenty-five years of age, becoming one of the most successful young farmers in this region and evincing an interest in agricultural pursuits that gave promise of ample returns in the years to come. In 1899 when his parents moved to Danville, he assumed charge of the old homestead and operated it for three years. However, desiring to become independent, he purchased a farm of ninety acres, which he has greatly improved and which is now one of the highly productive places in the township.

On November 28, 1899, Mr. Starr was united in marriage to Miss Alice Jenkins, a daughter of Richard M. and Lucinda (Mullen) Jenkins, who were both natives of Ohio and came to Illinois in 1861, settling on what was known as the Newell farm, formerly owned by the man in whose honor the township was named. Here they lived until called to their final rest, the mother departing this life September 29, 1899, and the father less than three years afterward, on January 22, 1902. They rest side by side in Walnut Corner cemetery, where they await their last summons, surrounded by many of their old friends and associates. Mrs. Starr is the youngest of five children born to her parents: John Franklin, who was born June 7, 1855, and now lives in Newell township; Elnora F., who was born May 25, 1857, and is living upon the old homestead; Clara Dell, who was born February 13, 1859, and died April 15 following; Samuel Albert, who was born August 13, 1864, and is living on the old homestead; Alice, now Mrs. Starr, who was born October 24, 1869.

Mr. Starr gives his time and attention to farming and stock-raising and by close application, and the use of good judgment in all his operations he has been successful in a high degree. He is greatly interested in the welfare of the community and has given its educational system the attention of an intelligent citizen, serving for seven years on the school board. He is a republican in his political views, his faith being founded on the conviction of the political equality of man. He has always aimed to meet every obligation of life with confidence and courage and to perform his duties to the best of his ability. As the result he has gained an enviable reputation as one of the representative men of this region.

HARDY H. WHITLOCK.

Few of the native sons of Vermilion county have taken a more active or prominent part in public affairs than Hardy H. Whitlock, who is now so efficiently serving as county treasurer. He was born in Georgetown on the 19th of January, 1867, and is a son of James and Eliza (Henderson) Whitlock. The birth of the father occurred near Knoxville, Tennessee, of which state his parents were also natives. Being strict abolitionists, they finally came north about 1832, making the journey with an ox-team and linchpin wagon. Vermilion county was their destination and the grandfather was one of the pioneer blacksmiths of this region, conducting a shop on the old salt works road near the Indiana state line. With the early development and upbuilding of this

county the family have since been prominently identified and have ever borne their part in the work of progress.

During his boyhood Hardy H. Whitlock attended the common schools of Georgetown but at the age of thirteen years was obliged to lay aside his text-books and begin the battle of life for himself. He was first employed on a farm and later was for five years connected with the old Cook House, being in the employ of S. J. Cook, proprietor, who conducted both a hotel and livery. It was on the 7th of April, 1888, that he came to Danville to accept the position of foreman in Lamm's livery and sale stable, holding that position until elected constable in 1893. Since that time he has devoted his entire attention to public affairs and has proved a most capable official. In 1902 he was elected sheriff of the county and while serving in that office had an experience which he will long remember. On the evening of July 25, 1903, a colored man got into a fight with a white man by the name of Gatter in a saloon on East Main street. During the melee the white man was killed by the negro, who was arrested and taken to the city prison by the police. A crowd of Gatter sympathizers followed the patrol wagon and demanded the negro, but the police refused to give him up and in the course of about two hours the crowd, surging around the jail, succeeded in getting the prisoner out and killed him with a crowbar. His body was then dragged through the streets to where the white man was killed and then to the county jail, before which it was burned. The mob then demanded admittance to the jail in order to take out the other prisoners, of whom there were quite a number, and when Mr. Whitlock refused admittance they broke down the door, but he and his deputies held them at bay all night until the militia arrived. Several assaults were made without success and in the course of events the sheriff emptied several shots into the crowd but no one was killed. He was successful in making the ring leaders, fourteen of whom were sent to the penitentiary for participating in the riot and several served jail sentences. This was the first real defense of the jail in the United States and his course has since been followed by sheriffs throughout the country. In 1906 he was elected county treasurer and is now filling that office with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents.

On the 12th of June, 1892, Mr. Whitlock was married in Danville to Miss Laura E. Donnelly, a daughter of Hiram P. Donnelly, who served as provost marshal in the southern district of Indiana during the Civil war. His family were pioneers of Brown county, that state. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Whitlock are Chris C., George E., Frieda M., Edna L. and Robert C.

In religious faith Mr. Whitlock is a Presbyterian and is officially connected with Immanuel church and also with several church societies. He is also prominently identified with fraternal orders, having for a number of years served as presiding officer of Vermilion Camp, No. 254, M. W. A., and is an honored member of the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Court of Honor. Since attaining his majority he has affiliated with the republican party and has become a recognized leader in its ranks. He assisted in electing the reform board of supervisors, who in three years paid up the county debt of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, and in other ways has been instrumental in advancing the interests of his city and

county. Public-spirited to a marked degree, he never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit, and he has always been found true to every trust reposed in him, whether of a public or private nature.

ALBERT MARION EAREL, M. D.

In a comparison of the relative value to mankind of the different professions, many accord that of the practice of medicine highest rank. At all events the great majority consider this one of the most useful as well as the most honorable occupations to which man can direct his energies and it is known that no profession is so little commercialized, for the physician is continually called upon for aid when no remuneration can be expected and moreover the profession is continually giving its knowledge to the public that the general health may be safeguarded through the prevention of disease. Dr. Earel has made for himself a creditable name as an able physician and aside from general practice he has made a specialty of the eye, ear, nose and throat, in which field he has gained particular skill.

His birthplace was a log cabin near Abingdon, Knox county, Illinois, and his natal day was June 22, 1866. His parents were Harvey Dale and Abigail (Linn) Earel. On the paternal side Dr. Earel is descended from English ancestry early represented in Virginia, and in the maternal line from Pennsylvania Germans. His great-great-grandfather came to America with La Fayette and fought under him in the Revolutionary war. The grandfather was a native of Maryland and his father was born in the Old Dominion. The latter passed away in February, 1898, but the mother of Dr. Earel is still living, making her home with him at the age of seventy-nine years.

In the district schools Dr. Earel acquired his early education, which was supplemented by study in Knox College at Galesburg. His professional training was received in Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated on the 31st of March, 1891. He afterward entered the Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago, acting as assistant to the house surgeon for a year and a half, beginning in 1890. Making a specialty of the eye and ear, he became a member of the hospital staff of the eye and ear infirmary at Lincoln, Nebraska, and likewise did hospital work in Norton, Kansas, in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at Lincoln, Nebraska, and in Jacksonville, Illinois, his hospital connections covering nine years.

In December, 1903, Dr. Earel came to Hoopeston. Here he entered upon the general practice of medicine, in which he has since continued and a liberal patronage has been accorded him. Since his graduation from Rush Medical College in 1891, Dr. Earel has studied extensively, doing considerable post-graduate work and also much private reading and research. In 1897 he did post-graduate work as interne at Augustana Hospital, and in the summer of 1899 he attended the Philadelphia polyclinic. The same year he was a student in the Chicago Eye,



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Ear, Nose and Throat College and has also attended the eye and ear infirmary of New York city, and in 1903 the Chicago eye and ear infirmary. In the fall of 1908 he spent some time in investigations in the Royal Ophthalmic Hospital of London, England, and in the winter of 1908 at the University of Vienna in Austria. He is still devoting time to his specialty, successfully treating diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and at the same time he continues in the general practice of medicine, his ability winning him a liberal patronage. He keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the profession through his membership in organizations for the promulgation of a knowledge of the science of medicine, belonging to the Hoopeston Medical Society, the Vermilion County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the Homeopathic State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Aside from his profession he has some business interests, being a trustee and treasurer of St. Helen's Ore & Power Company and also of the Pacific Power & Railway Company.

On the 30th of December, 1892, Dr. Earel was married, in Hoopeston, Illinois, to Miss Sadie Honeywell, the youngest daughter of Alba Honeywell, one of the most distinguished and honored citizens that has ever resided in Hoopeston. Dr. Earel takes an active and helpful interest in public affairs, holds membership in the Commercial Club, is a member of the board of education and a member of the city council. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in this, as in all other vital matters, he stands firmly in support of his honest convictions. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias, a Woodman of America and a Mason. He has taken the Royal Arch degree of the York Rite and attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. A cordial, genial manner makes him popular with many friends and sterling worth has gained him the high regard of all. His religious faith is that of the Universalist church. The home of Dr. and Mrs. Earel is one of the most hospitable in Hoopeston and is the center of many of the most delightful social functions held in the city.

AUGUSTUS LIVINGSTON WEBSTER.

Forty-three years ago Augustus Livingston Webster became connected with the mercantile interests of Danville and continuously throughout the intervening period he has been identified with the business interests of the city. His record is such as any man might be proud to possess, for he has never made an engagement that he has not fulfilled nor incurred obligations that he has not met. In the legitimate channels of trade he has sought his success, placing his dependence upon the substantial qualities of industry, perseverance, and the wise utilization of opportunities.

Mr. Webster was born in Conneaut, Ashtabula county, Ohio, February 17, 1842, and is a son of Daniel Noble and Emma (Wallingford) Webster, the former a native of Swanton, Vermont, and the latter of Stanstead, Province of Quebec, Canada. Both were descended from good old New England families, our subject being of the eighth generation from John Webster, who came

to this country from England about 1633 and settled in Hartford, Connecticut, where he became a member of the general court in 1637 and was elected governor of the colony of Connecticut in 1656. He died at Hadley, Massachusetts, in 1661. On the maternal side our subject traces his lineage to David and Elizabeth (Lemar) Wallingford, both natives of New Hampshire, the former having been born in Bradford in 1744 and the latter in Hollis in 1747. The Wallingford family was also of English origin and was founded in the new world in an early day.

During his boyhood Augustus L. Webster attended Conneaut Academy at Conneaut, Ohio, but his education has principally been acquired through contact with the world after leaving school at the age of sixteen years to commence the battle of life. He was first engaged in the hardware business in Conneaut where he opened a store in 1864, but two years later removed to Aurora, Illinois, where he continued in the same line of trade until coming to Danville in 1867. Here he opened a hardware store in partnership with the late George B. Yeomans and they carried on the same together until 1879 when they sold out to Messrs. Giddings & Patterson, who continued the business for many years in the building erected by Mr. Webster at the corner of West Main and Franklin streets. After disposing of his hardware stock in 1879 Mr. Webster embarked in the wholesale grocery business with the late Robert Coddington, under the firm name of R. Coddington & Company, but in 1884 he withdrew from that firm and established a wholesale business for himself under the firm name of A. L. Webster & Company. In 1889 A. H. Heinly was admitted to partnership and for seven years the business was conducted under the style of Webster & Heinly. In February, 1896, the Webster Grocery Company was incorporated and is now doing business at the corner of North street and Washington avenue, where they own and occupy a fine large building well equipped in all its appointments. The company has a paid up capital and surplus of one hundred and forty thousand dollars and has a large trade which extends over a large amount of territory. Its officers are A. L. Webster, president, George R. Angle, vice president, and Lewis Williams, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Webster was married in Conneaut, Ohio, September 30, 1862, to Miss Eliza E. Innis, an adopted daughter of Dr. James and Harriet Innis. She was born at Fairview, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Thomas and Eliza Baxter, but as her mother died at her birth, she was adopted by Dr. Innis and his wife with whom she made her home until her marriage. Later she was enabled to return their great kindness by giving her foster mother a home for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Webster became the parents of four children, namely: Emma H., who died in Danville, January 5, 1898; Katie M., who died in Danville, March 7, 1899; Clara M., who was married in 1893 to Dale Kemble now deceased; and Nellie E., the wife of Dr. R. L. Hatfield.

In 1862 when the Confederate general, Kirby Smith, made a raid northward from Kentucky and threatened to march through the state of Ohio to Lake Erie, Mr. Webster enlisted as a member of the militia company belonging to the Ohio Squirrel Hunters Brigade and aided in repelling this invasion. The republican party finds in him a stanch supporter of its principles but he has never cared for official honors, having served only as a member of the school

and library boards and as assistant supervisor for two terms. As a public-spirited citizen, however, he takes an active interest in those measures which he believes will prove of public benefit and has served as president of the Danville public library and as treasurer of the Spring Hill Cemetery Association. He is one of the prominent Masons of this section of the state, holding membership with all the Masonic bodies of Danville and also with the Oriental Consistory of Chicago, having attained to the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He was grand commander of the Illinois Knights Templar in 1895-1896 and is also identified with Danville Lodge, No. 332, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His business affairs, however, claim the greater part of his time and attention and he was for many years a director of the Palmer National Bank and also a director of the Vermilion County Building Association, with which he has been connected for many years. He is justly accorded a place among the prominent and representative citizens of Danville, for he belongs to that class of men whose enterprising spirit is used not alone for their own benefit. He also advances the general good and promotes the public prosperity by his able management of individual interests. He has excellent ability as an organizer, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution. This enables him to conquer obstacles which deter many a man and it has been one of the salient features in his success.

L. D. LANE.

L. D. Lane, a man of strong and forceful individuality and marked business ability, has in the course of an active life constantly worked his way upward and each advance step in his career has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities. He has carefully noted and used his advantages for progress and is today one of the successful men of his part of the county, being now engaged in banking in Henning. His birth occurred in Vermilion county on the 21st of August, 1855, his parents being W. V. and Sarah J. (Crawford) Lane. The father was born in Vinton county, Ohio, in 1829, and the mother is also a native of the Buckeye state. Removing westward they settled in Vermilion county at an early period in its development and are still residents of Henning, the father now having passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof L. D. Lane pursued his early education in the Balaam school and afterward continued his studies in Greenhill, Indiana. He began farming at the age of twenty-two years and in following that pursuit laid the foundation for his later success in life. In all business affairs he has been found practical as well as progressive and his energy and determination have enabled him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles in his path. After many years devoted to farming he turned his attention to the grain business which he followed at Henning for five years. Banking has since claimed his attention and he is conducting in Henning what is now regarded as one of the safe financial institutions of the county, a gen-

eral banking business being carried on along progressive lines that are tempered with a conservatism that thoroughly safeguards the interests of depositors and has brought to the institution a reputation for thorough reliability and trustworthiness.

Mr. Lane has been married twice. He first wedded Miss Maria Wilson, who died in 1888 and was laid to rest in Potomac. Mr. Lane has since married Miss Anna Goodwin, who has also passed away and her grave was likewise made in the Potomac cemetery. By his first marriage he has a daughter, Mrs. Edna Wyman, who has one son, Lemuel D.; and by the second marriage there is one son, Vinton, seventeen years of age, who is now a student in Greenville College.

Mr. Lane is a valued member of several fraternal organizations, including the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He is loyal to their teachings and principles and is, moreover, a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to the support of which he contributes liberally. His entire life has been passed in Vermilion county, so that he has a wide acquaintance within its borders, and the high regard which is uniformly tendered him is evidence of the fact that his life has been well spent. In business he is progressive, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and utilizing the opportunities that are presented for progress. He correctly judges his own capacities and powers and also those things which make up life's contacts and experiences, and, never placing fictitious values upon opportunities or conditions, he has by the wise use of his time and talents gained a creditable position in business circles, success long attending his efforts.

B. F. LEONARD.

B. F. Leonard, a life-long resident of Vermilion county, now living at Potomac, was born in Middlefork township, October 10, 1855. He is a son of William J. and Sarah (Cronkheite) Leonard, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Hamilton county, Ohio. When quite young the father came with his parents to this portion of the country and was one of the men who assisted in redeeming the wild lands and establishing the valuable farms that are now to be seen all over the county. He was married in Indiana to Sarah Cronkheite, who died at her home in this township in 1873, and he was called to his final rest three years later. Nine children were born to them: James, now living in Potomac; Katherine, Elijah, John C., Adeline, Mary and Dorothy, all deceased; B. F., the subject of this sketch; and William H., a resident of Pomeroy, Washington.

B. F. Leonard was educated in the common schools and continued at home until he was seventeen years of age, when he went to Rossville, Illinois, and began learning the wagon-maker's trade. Even as a youth he had shown special mechanical talent and he soon learned the trade, which he followed until 1876, when he began farming in Middlefork township. Nine years ago he took up his residence in Potomac and is now working at the carpenter's trade. He is the owner of

one hundred and fifty-one acres of land in Middlefork township and a house and two lots in Potomac. He has always been an industrious man and has lived to see himself in middle life in independent circumstances as the result of his own labor. He is of the type of men who would make their way anywhere, who are not overcome by temporary difficulties and who generally win, for they feel that while there is life there is hope. At his trade or on the farm he has used good judgment, and thus he became the owner of property which is appreciated because it has by the sweat of his brow been earned. True indeed that we never really own anything in the sense of duly appreciating it unless by our own exertion it has been earned.

In 1878 Mr. Leonard was united in marriage to Miss Emma J. Swisher and four children have been born to them: Zetta A., now the wife of Charles Villers, a farmer of Ross township, this county; Rosa, now Mrs. Irwin Butler, whose husband is a farmer of Middlefork township; Cora, the wife of Harry Bird, a carpenter of Potomac; and Alva, who is editor of the Potomac Record and a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard have reared a family now all grown, happily settled in life and fairly started on a useful career.

Mrs. Leonard is a member of the Christian church and a woman who has contributed her share in advancing the interests of the neighborhood and of those with whom she has been associated. Mr. Leonard was formerly allied with the democratic party but of recent years, having carefully noted the evil effects of the liquor business, he has been an ardent champion of prohibition. He is a man of decided views and he accepts the teachings of the United Brethren church as those in accord with holy writ and in the work of the church he takes a lively interest. Both he and his wife are held in high esteem in this region, where both are well known and where he has been recognized ever since he reached maturity as an honorable and upright citizen.

GEORGE S. HOFF.

George S. Hoff, a prominent resident of Danville since November, 1897, is engaged in the real-estate, farm loans and insurance business, and the progress that he has made in this field is indicative of his peculiar fitness for the work that he has undertaken. He is now accorded an extensive clientage and annually negotiates many important property transfers.

One of the native sons of Vermilion county, Mr. Hoff was born on a farm in Butler township about two miles from the village of Blue Grass, February 7, 1859. His father, Amos Hoff, was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, in 1833, and in 1856 was married in Fountain county, Indiana, to Harriet A. Blackford, who was born in 1836. The year following their marriage they took up their abode on a farm in Butler township, Vermilion county, Illinois, and made it their home continuously until 1906, when they removed to Rossville. Mr. Hoff had much to do with the organization and development of Butler township and with the establishment of its schools, his labors being a potent element for prog-

ress there. Unto him and his wife were born four children: George S., Jerusha A., the wife of John O. Jenkins, now a resident of Henning, Illinois; Minnie C., the wife of Samuel H. Crandall, living on a farm northwest of Danville; and Maggie M., the wife of Henry W. Howell, of Butler township.

In his youthful days George S. Hoff was a pupil in the Murphy school near his father's home and afterward pursued a course in the Chilcote Brothers Normal School of Danville. In the fall of 1881 he began teaching in the home district, and in order to further qualify for the profession entered the State Normal at Normal, Illinois, near Bloomington, in 1884, there remaining for two years. In 1886 and 1887 he was engaged in teaching in Pilot township, and while teaching there he met Carrie B. Vinson, the daughter of John E. Vinson, to whom he was married in 1888. In the fall of 1888 he took charge of the school at the Central schoolhouse near Henning, Illinois, and began housekeeping in a log cabin near the school building. In the spring of 1889 he removed from the cabin to a farm near Oakwood, consisting of two hundred acres, that was known as the Collett farm, but was engaged to teach the Oakwood school at what at that time was known as Blue Corner. In 1889 he and his wife contracted, with practically no money to start the proposition, to buy eighty acres of the John E. Vinson farm, upon which they removed in the spring of 1890, occupied it the greater part of two years, but in the fall of 1891 he accepted the principalship of the Catlin school, holding the same for a period of two years. In the fall of 1893 he was elected as principal of the Indianola school at Indianola, Illinois, but removed with his family in 1894 to Danville, purchasing a small home on Franklin street, but having had for many years a strong desire to complete the course at the State Normal, he removed with his family to Normal, Illinois, and again entered the State Normal school, graduating in 1897. Much of Mr. Hoff's success, both in the school and in his business career later, is due to the assistance and encouragement of his wife. It was largely due to her untiring efforts that he was enabled to pursue the course in the State Normal during the years from 1895 to 1897.

After his graduation Mr. Hoff was awarded the position of principal of one of the ward schools at Ottawa, Illinois, taking charge of the same in September, 1897, but because of failing health he was compelled to resign at the end of two months, giving up his position and removing to Danville, reaching here in November, broken in health and somewhat discouraged. After looking over the situation and taking the counsel of some friends he was induced to turn his attention to the business of real estate, farm loans and insurance, and accordingly opened an office at his present quarters, rooms 308 and 309 in what is now known as the Daniel building, February 1, 1898, by securing simply desk room in the corner of room 308. Here again he was assisted by his wife who took charge of the office while he was compelled to be out drumming up business. His business prospered, and he now occupies the entire suite, has two beautiful and well appointed rooms and has a corps of assistants to aid him in carrying on the work of the office. In 1904 he found that it was practically impossible to carry on the business as it should be done single-handed, and he took in as a partner George Young, and the firm has since been known as Hoff & Young. During these years Mr. Hoff has bought and sold much city property, erected

many houses, several of which he still owns. He has had to do with making many of the farm loans of the county and has a fair patronage of the insurance of the city. Unfaltering industry and laudable ambition, honesty of purpose and kindness to all have constituted the basis of success which has crowned his efforts. In 1901 he built the residence that he now occupies at 119 Franklin street. Mr. Hoff has large farming interests and owns considerable farm land. At the present time he is a member of the board of directors of the Emery Dry Goods Company and has been for the past eight years a member of the board of directors of Lake View Hospital.

Mrs. Hoff is the youngest daughter of the pioneer preacher, Rev. John E. Vinson, who has been dead for a number of years. Her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth E. Vinson, is still living and is hale and hearty at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Hoff have one daughter, Reva C., who was born on the farm near Oakwood in 1889. She attended the public schools of Danville and took an active part in all the students' enterprises of the school. She is now a student in the school of music of the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoff and daughter are prominent members of the Kimber Methodist Episcopal church of the city of Danville. Mr. Hoff affiliates with the prohibition party and has been closely identified with the same for the last twenty years, and for many years has been doubtless the leading spirit of that party in this locality and the cause of temperance finds him an unfaltering champion. Moreover, he stands for all that is right and just in the relations of man with his fellowmen, his influence ever being on the side of right, reform and progress.

HARVEY B. SMART.

Harvey B. Smart, an enterprising farmer of Newell township, was born in Illinois, November 11, 1873, and is a son of James F. and Mary C. (Glenn) Smart the father a native of Indiana and the mother of this county. James F. Smart came to Illinois with his parents when he was eighteen years of age and after his marriage rented land and began farming in this county but was soon called away, departing this life in February, 1875. In 1877 the mother of our subject was married to Emanuel Wilson, a farmer, who came to this state from Ohio and here engaged in farming until 1902, when he and his wife retired, since living at Bismarck. Harvey B. Smart was the only child by his mother's first marriage. By her second union she became the mother of eight children: Nora E., Ora E., Robert F., John E., Grace, who died in infancy, Sherman, Douglas and Ross.

The subject of this sketch attended the public schools and assisted upon the farm until he arrived at the age of sixteen years. He then yielded to the spirit of adventure that so often takes possession of youths just passing into manhood and, leaving home, he started out to see the great world. His journey lay westward and for six years he passed through various experiences as a cowboy on the range, a newsboy on the railroad, and a stage driver. At

the age of twenty-two, having become satisfied with his adventures and having gained many lessons that proved of inestimable value to him in after years, he returned to Illinois and resumed operations as a farmer.

On November 13, 1901, Mr. Smart was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary E. Richie, a daughter of George D. and Mary (Cox) Huffman, the former coming to Illinois from Kentucky and the latter from Park county, Indiana. Here they were married in 1856 and lived upon the farm now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Smart. The mother was called to her reward in July, 1902, and the father in March of the following year. To Mr. and Mrs. Huffman were born seven children: John S., deceased; Daniel P., who died at the age of sixteen months; G. D., who died at the age of three months; Emily J., now Mrs. Thomas Grider, of Newell township; Mary E., the wife of our subject; Edna, who died at the age of three years; and Effie M., now Mrs. Joseph T. Roderick, of Newell township. The first marriage of Mrs. Harvey B. Smart occurred March 28, 1888, her husband being Charles Richie of this county, who died in January, 1895, and was buried in Huffman cemetery, Newell township. There were no children by that union. The grandfather of Mrs. Smart was Daniel P. Huffman, who came from Virginia to Illinois and entered the land which became the family homestead. The deed to this bears the date of 1833 and contains the signature of Andrew Jackson, president of the United States. It is one of the valuable souvenirs of the family and conveyed to Grandfather Huffman one hundred and sixty-nine acres of land. The grandmother's maiden name was Elizabeth Switzer. She came to Illinois in 1832 and was one of the brave pioneer women of the state.

Mr. Smart is one of the active, intelligent farmers of the community and socially is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, Lodge No. 2405, of Bismarck. He and his wife are members of the New Light church and are earnest workers in every movement that tends to advance the welfare of the neighborhood. Mrs. Smart has been to her husband an intelligent and helpful companion, and their home is the center of hospitality and cheerfulness and a notable gathering place for the younger generation now coming forward to assume new and untried responsibilities.

A. W. ELDER.

A. W. Elder, who passed away on the 31st of July, 1899, was for many years actively and successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits in Vermilion county and at the time of his death owned four hundred and six acres of valuable land in Georgetown township. His birth occurred near Springfield, Ohio, on the 26th of August, 1852, his parents being John and Phoebe Elder, who spent their entire lives in the Buckeye state. He attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and after putting aside his text-books learned the carpenter's trade, working at that occupation until 1878, which year witnessed his arrival in Vermilion county, Illinois. He took up his abode on a farm in Vance township and devoted his attention to its operation for fifteen



MR. AND MRS. A. W. ELDER

years, on the expiration of which period he disposed of the property and purchased the John E. Cooper place near Georgetown. There he successfully carried on general farming interests until called to his final rest in 1899, having accumulated four hundred and six acres at the time of his death. He followed the most modern methods of agriculture and was widely recognized as one of the substantial and respected citizens of the community.

On the 26th of October, 1881, Mr. Elder was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Squires, who was born in Guthrie county, Iowa, on the 15th of January, 1856. Her parents, W. B. and America (Sandusky) Squires, are natives of Ohio and Kentucky respectively. Following their marriage they removed to Iowa but after a short time came to Vermilion county, Illinois, residing on a farm here until the father retired from active business life. W. B. Squires is now in the eightieth year of his age, while his wife is seventy-six years old. They reared a family of seven children, five of whom are yet living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Elder were born seven children, namely: Mrs. Edna E. Smith, now deceased; who had one child, Earl; Inez B., who is the wife of James D. Hall, of Newton, Kansas, and has two children, Berlin and Fern; Edith M., who is the wife of Russell C. Banta, of Ridge Farm, and has one child, William; John B., who is still at home with his mother; Eunice A., who gave her hand in marriage to John W. Jones, of Georgetown township; Glenn, likewise at home; and Beulah S., a high school student.

Mr. Elder was a stanch republican in politics but never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life, he won the regard and esteem of those with whom he came in contact and his demise was deeply mourned by a large circle of friends. His widow now makes her home in Georgetown, where she owns two fine residences. Her property holdings likewise include two hundred and forty acres of land in Kansas, valued at one hundred dollars per acre. She is a devoted member of the Christian church and exemplifies its teachings in her daily life.

BERTRAM EUGENE PINKERTON.

Bertram Eugene Pinkerton, for sixteen years past actively identified with the newspaper business of the west and for six years past proprietor and editor of the Rossville Press, of Rossville, Vermilion county, is a native of Tremont, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, where he was born March 28, 1872. He early began his battle with the world and encountered not a few difficulties, but he was endowed with a brave heart and a laudable ambition and he allowed no obstacle to interfere seriously with his upward progress. As a result he has attained a position of independence and has done so mainly through his own efforts. His father, Cyrus Levi Pinkerton, was a lawyer and in 1866 and 1868 served as a member of the Pennsylvania state legislature. He married Fannie All Singer, and with his family came to Rantoul, Illinois, in 1880, where the father died the same year, the mother departing this life in 1886.

The subject of this review attended the public schools until fourteen years of age and then going to Chicago, he began the battle of life upon his own account, working at the printer's trade in the day time and attending school at night. He began at the bottom of the ladder, having at the time of his arrival only three dollars in his pocket, and of this he paid two dollars and a half for his first week's board. When in a reminiscent mood he tells of living for three days on ten cents a day, as he was so fortunate as to find an establishment where he could buy five doughnuts for five cents. He also remembers that he slept one night in a South Clark street lodging house, for which accommodation the landlord exacted ten cents. But where there is a will there is a way and the strange boy in a strange city did not permit himself to become discouraged. He worked faithfully in the printing office and gradually acquired a foothold, so that he became a student of the University of Illinois at Urbana in 1890, maintaining himself by setting type on the college paper. On account of close application he injured his eyesight to such an extent that he was reluctantly obliged to leave college at the time of the holiday season in 1893. Previously he had attended night school at the Chicago Kent College of Law and in 1890 was graduated from that institution with the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the bar the same year but never practiced.

Upon leaving the university Mr. Pinkerton went to Sioux City, Iowa, and in 1894 started a newspaper at Leeds, a small town four miles east of Sioux City. After making a success of his venture he sold out and in 1895 purchased an interest in the Rantoul Press. In 1897 he was appointed grain inspector in the state department at Chicago and two years later sold to his partner, F. R. Cross, the interest which he held in the newspaper. We next find him at Lincoln, Illinois, owning a quarter interest in the Daily Public of Clinton and also one of the owners of the Daily News Herald of Lincoln, Illinois, his brother, F. E. Pinkerton and Mr. Cross, being also identified with these papers. In 1904 he closed out his newspaper interests in Illinois and purchased the Rossville Press, with which he has since been actively connected. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers National Bank of Rossville and a member of the board of directors of the Rossville Creamery. In his management of the newspaper Mr. Pinkerton has shown good judgment, increasing its sphere of usefulness and contributing in an important degree to the upbuilding of the community.

On June 6, 1900, Mr. Pinkerton was united in marriage to Miss Jean Smelz, a daughter of John and Amanda Smelz, of Maroa, Macon county, this state. Five children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Pinkerton: Beatrice, born January 28, 1902; John C., February 11, 1903; Nancy, February 27, 1904; Allen B., October 3, 1905; and Dorothy, December 24, 1906.

Mr. Pinkerton is a staunch adherent of the republican party, of the "standpat" kind, never having been affected with mugwump or insurgent tendencies. Socially he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Masonic order, having passed through the chairs in the first two organizations named. He is also an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist church. As the head of an interesting and growing family Mr. Pinkerton is a pronounced champion of education and is giving his children every

advantage available in the excellent public schools of Rossville. His estimable wife has proven an ever-faithful assistant, and hand in hand they undertake to travel the pathway of life, by their example of patience and attention to duty instilling a lesson not found in books but one fully as great as any taught in the universities.

THOMAS J. DALE.

On the roster of county officials there appears the name of no one who is more loyal to duty, more faithful and prompt in meeting the obligations that devolve upon him in his official capacity or one whose record is more worthy of commendation and approval than Thomas J. Dale, who is filling the position of county clerk. He was born in New York city in 1845, and was left an orphan at an early age, becoming an inmate of the New York Juvenile Asylum, where he remained until he reached the age of nine years. He then came to Vermilion county and took up his abode with Dennis Rouse, near Catlin, being there reared upon a farm, during which time he pursued his education in the country schools.

After the outbreak of the Civil war, although still a boy in his teens, Mr. Dale responded to the country's call for troops and enlisted as a member of Company D, Thirty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. On the 20th of September, 1863, he was captured at the battle of Chickamauga and until the 28th of April, 1865, was in Andersonville and other Confederate prisons, sharing in all of the hardships meted out to the Union soldiers who were held as prisoners of war. He took part in a number of important engagements, including the battle of Pea Ridge, the siege of Corinth, the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Liberty Gap and Chickamauga. His was a creditable military record, characterized by unfaltering loyalty to the old flag and the cause it represented.

When the war was over Mr. Dale returned to Vermilion county and was employed upon the farm of Dennis Rouse as a hired man, but his ambition for something better had been awakened and as he could find opportunity he studied and attended school, thus fitting himself for the profession of teaching. He followed that pursuit in Vermilion county for a number of years but put aside professional labor when appointed to public office in 1886 by Daniel C. Deanude, who made him deputy treasurer. In 1890 he was elected to that office and in 1894 was elected county clerk, which position he has since filled, so that for almost a quarter of a century he has been continuously in office, his promptness, accuracy and fidelity in discharging his duties winning for him high regard. In his political views he has ever been a republican, active in the work of the party, and is recognized as one of its trusted advisors in this locality.

On the 31st of March, 1887, Mr. Dale was united in marriage to Miss Jessie B. Tarrant, a native of Catlin, Vermilion county, and a daughter of Frederick Tarrant, who settled in this part of the state before the Civil war and became a prominent and respected merchant of this county. He married Eliza Jones

and among their children was Jessie B. Tarrant, now Mrs. Dale. Four children have graced this union, Vaga M., Una A., Norman M. and Thomas M. In his fraternal relations Mr. Dale has formed a wide acquaintance. He belongs to Danville Lodge, No. 69, I. O. O. F.; to Marsh Encampment, No. 46; Damascus Lodge, No. 84, K. P.; Northcott Camp, No. 1551, M. W. A.; and Kenesaw Post, No. 77, G. A. R. In all of these organizations he has won many friends and to their teachings he has ever been most loyal.

The country was but sparsely settled when Mr. Dale came here as a boy, after which he shared in all the hardships, privations and other experiences of pioneer life. Too much credit cannot be given him for what he has accomplished. Spending his early youth amid the kindly meant but oft times inefficient care of a children's asylum, and then coming to Illinois in early boyhood, he has known what arduous work has meant from his youthful days. Becoming imbued with laudable ambition for something better, he has continuously worked his way upward, using every opportunity that has come to him and allowing no obstacle or difficulty to brook his path if it could be overcome by persistent and earnest labor. Such a record deserves high encomiums and should serve to encourage and inspire others who have started as he did without the aid of influential friends and without particularly favorable circumstances.

E. H. PALMER.

When an individual passes from life it is customary to consider the record he has left and thus to judge of his worth to the world. Close investigation into the history of E. H. Palmer shows that he occupied a conspicuous and honorable position in Danville, that his labors were varied and important, that their results were far-reaching and beneficial. He contributed in a notable degree to the material, intellectual and moral upbuilding of the community and at the time of his death he was the oldest native son of Danville. It was on the 10th of August, 1830, that he first opened his eyes to the light of day in the family residence which then stood at the corner of Walnut and Main streets.

His father, Dr. Asa Rice Palmer, was born at Coventry, Connecticut, in 1786, and represented one of the old New England families of English descent. The grandfather, Abel Palmer, was born in New England and previous generations of the family arrived in that section of the country, where their descendants are still to be found. It has been the custom in recent years to hold a family reunion at Stonington, Connecticut. These have proved to be most pleasant occasions, several hundred being present at different times.

On leaving Connecticut Dr. Asa R. Palmer became a resident of Vermont in his boyhood days, while subsequently he lived in Black River, New York. He afterward established his home in Moscow, New York, where his parents both died. He studied medicine while residing in the Empire state and practiced there to some extent but later sought the opportunities of the growing middle west. On horseback he made the trip to Illinois in search of a location and took up his abode in Vermilion county, Illinois, about 1825. The journey was made

by boat to Pittsburg, thence down the Ohio river and up the Wabash. His destination was the site of the present city of Danville, although at the time there was little or no indication that a flourishing city would one day be founded here. Owing to the unsettled condition of the country Dr. Palmer's practice extended for miles. He was called for professional service into the homes of those who lived far from Danville and no night was too dark, no winter too cold and no summer sun so hot that it prevented him from responding to the call of those who needed his services. In the later years of his life, however, he gave up the practice of medicine and lived retired. In the meantime, however, he became associated with his son E. F. Palmer in establishing and conducting the first drug store in Danville and was otherwise connected with the business development and substantial upbuilding of the city in which he made his home from the time of his arrival in Vermilion county until his death, which occurred about 1861. He was three times married, the first time before leaving New York. In Danville he married his third wife, who bore the maiden name of Adelia Hawkins and was born near Rochester, New York. Her father, Ebenezer Hawkins, also a native of that state, became one of the honored pioneers of Vermilion county and his interment was the first burial in the old grave yard of Granville. The death of Mrs. Adelia Palmer occurred in 1851 and E. F. Palmer, a half-brother of E. H. Palmer, passed away here. Dr. Palmer was one of the original members of the Presbyterian church of Danville and was at all times deeply interested in the moral as well as the material and intellectual upbuilding of the city.

Danville was but a village during the boyhood and youth of E. H. Palmer, who acquired his literary education here, while later he pursued a four years' course in Wabash College. He made his initial step in the business world when a lad of thirteen years, entering the employ of J. M. Culbertson, whom he represented as a clerk for four years. It was subsequent to this time that he pursued his college course, having come to the realization of the need of training in that direction. When he had completed his studies he again engaged in clerking for a year or more, and subsequently formed a partnership as a member of the firm of Humphrey, Palmer & Company, general merchants and druggists. From that date, 1855, until his death Mr. Palmer remained one of the leading and prosperous business men of the city. His labors were of a varied character, his interests wide and important. He was at one time appointed to fill out an unexpired term as county superintendent of schools, succeeding his uncle, who had died in office. On his retirement from that position he aided in organizing the First National Bank. He became its first cashier and as such largely managed its interests for twenty-five years. He became thoroughly familiar with every phase of the banking business and his courtesy to the patrons of the bank, his reliable methods and his keen insight into business affairs made him a popular and valuable official. On his retirement from the bank he was presented with a fine gold watch, his name and the date, January 15, 1885, being engraved on the inside of the case. He next became connected with the wholesale grocery trade and succeeded in building up one of the important mercantile enterprises of the city. He likewise added to its architectural improvement through the erection of three new residences. His own home was

an attractive and commodious dwelling just outside the corporation limits of Danville and for many years he lived at 408 North Franklin street.

In 1854 Mr. Palmer was united in marriage in Urbana, Illinois, to Miss Frances B. Nelson, who was born near Carlisle, Pennsylvania, a daughter of William Nelson, also a native of that state. Having lost her father, Mrs. Palmer came to the west with her brother, settling in Champaign county, Illinois. Four children graced the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer: Flora; Frank N., who is a minister of the Presbyterian church and is now located at Winona Lake, Indiana; Lula C.; and Della, the wife of Lorin E. Shetts.

From the time he attained his majority Mr. Palmer gave his political allegiance to the republican party, his first presidential ballot being cast for John C. Fremont in 1856. In his boyhood he had heard discussed the question of slavery, his father being a whig and a stanch abolitionist. The boy came to believe in the unrighteousness of the practice and therefore, when the new party was formed to prohibit the further extension of slavery, he joined its ranks. To its interests he was loyal throughout his remaining days, believing ever that its principles contained the best elements of good government. Local advancement and national progress were both causes dear to his heart and his cooperation was given to every movement which he believed would prove of benefit to Danville and the county. He proved his deep interest in the cause of education by his service on the school board and he ever advocated the employment of competent teachers at a good salary. He filled the position of alderman for a few terms, yet his ambition was never in the line of office seeking and he was content that his public service should be done as a private citizen. Both he and his wife held membership in the First Presbyterian church and his Christian faith permeated all that he did. His life record covered almost seventy-five years, his death occurring on the 23d of January, 1905. Throughout that entire period he had been a resident of Danville, and there was a time when he knew every inhabitant of Vermilion county. He remained to the end of his life an active factor in the affairs of the city and kept in close touch with its progress and with the questions of vital interest here. Wherever he was known he was honored and most of all where best known. His life stands as a splendid example to those who wish to become useful and valuable citizens and to society, that when they pass on they shall leave behind them an honorable name and an untarnished record.

GEORGE SEDLMAYR.

George Sedlmayr, well known as one of the leading and representative citizens of Danville, was born in Munich, Bavaria, on the 15th of September, 1868, and is of German origin. His parents, George and Anna (Stulberger) Sedlmayr, spent their entire lives in the fatherland. The father occupied an important position in the government employ, being in charge of the mails for a great many years, having succeeded his father in that business. He was born in 1840 and died in Munich on the 23d of May, 1889, while his wife, who was born in 1845, passed away on the 4th of November, 1888.

Like most boys of German birth, George Sedlmayr was given good educational advantages and was graduated from the high school of Munich, August 8, 1885. It was on the 12th of May, 1893, that he crossed the Atlantic and became a resident of the new world. He first located in Chicago where he spent five years as a brewer in the employ of the Peter Schoenhofen Brewing Company. On the 7th of September, 1898, he was promoted to brew master, which position he filled until December 7, 1903, when he removed with his family to Danville, becoming financially interested in the Danville Brewing Company, which was later changed to the Fecker Brewing Company. Of this corporation he is now serving as secretary and brew master and much of its success is due to his untiring efforts.

On the 7th of January, 1899, Mr. Sedlmayr was married in Chicago to Miss Lydia Reisenegger, whose parents were residents of Chicago. Her father, who is now deceased, was at one time in the employ of the city map department as manager under Mayor Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. Sedlmayr have two children, namely: George W., born March 23, 1900, and Clara, born August 4, 1908.

Prior to his emigration to America Mr. Sedlmayr served one year in the German army, from 1888 to 1889, but was not compelled to remain longer on account of having acquired a higher education than most young men were given. On national issues he usually votes the republican ticket, but at local elections supports the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices. He and his family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church and he is identified with the Eagles. He also affiliates with the Danville Social Turner Society. Public-spirited and progressive, he supports every movement which he believes will prove of general good and is regarded as one of the leading citizens of the community.

PERRY P. GRAHAM.

A man who has devoted much study to the subject of the economic conditions and natural resources of the country is authority for the statement that there is no better investment than Illinois farm land and more that a century ago George Washington said that agriculture is the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of man. Perry P. Graham, therefore, is fortunate in having chosen farming as his life work and in owning so valuable a property as his Illinois farm, which comprises two hundred acres in Ross township, east of Alvin. He also cultivates other land, having charge of four hundred and sixty acres.

He is one of the native sons of this state, his birth having occurred near Catlin in 1875. His parents were Hugh and Rose (Bradford) Graham. The father, a native of Scotland, on coming to America settled in Meigs county, Ohio, whence he removed to Danville, Illinois, in 1860. He was a coal miner and lived an active and busy life. He died in 1897 and his remains were interred in Spring Hill cemetery at Danville. His widow still survives him and is now a resident of Alvin.

The public schools of Vermilion county afforded Perry P. Graham his early educational privileges, but ambitious to qualify for life's practical duties by a broad and liberal education, he afterward spent one year as a student in a college at Hoopeston. In his youthful days he was taught the value of industry and perseverance as factors in the affairs of life and these qualities have always characterized him since he started out in business on his own account. His diligence and determination have enabled him to add to his possessions from time to time since he first invested in land and he is now the owner of a valuable tract of two hundred acres and farms an additional two hundred and sixty acres east of Alvin. His success would be creditable to a man twice his years. His business advancement, however, is attributable entirely to his own labors and proves what may be accomplished when determination and ambition lead the way.

Mr. Graham has been called to public service as road commissioner and he has won the favorable regard of his fellow members in the Masonic and Knights of Pythias fraternities. Those who know him recognize in him many sterling traits and his business ability is such as will undoubtedly win for him further success as the years go by.

A. ARTHUR CLARK, M. D. C.

Among the younger men who are coming forward in Vermilion county and taking the places made vacant by the departure of those who have performed their work A. Arthur Clark, farmer, liveryman and veterinarian, occupies a promising place. He is a native of Vermilion county, having been born on the farm which he now owns, May 29, 1883, and is a son of Isaac and Ella (Lynch) Clark, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of Indiana. They were married at Ridge Farm in 1879 and lived upon a farm for several years, at the end of which time the father removed to town, where he was engaged in the mercantile business for four or five years. Again he returned to the farm and there he died two years later, in 1886. The mother made her home in Ridge Farm, where she was married to H. L. Miller, of Jamaica, this county. She was called to her final repose in 1905, and she was laid to rest in Crown Hill cemetery, where the body of her first husband was deposited many years before. Mr. Miller, the stepfather, is still living in Vermilion county. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clark: Charles Wallace, who was born in 1881 and died in 1901; A. Arthur, our subject; and Harry L., who was born in 1885 and was killed by a train June 28, 1906, while returning home in a buggy.

The subject of our review was educated in the public and high schools and remained with his mother until her second marriage. After leaving the high school he spent four years on the farm, in the course of which time he became thoroughly acquainted with all the details of its operation. Desiring to see something of the world, he went west and was gone for a year, at the end of which time he returned home and, having decided to prosecute further subjects



A ARTHUR CLARK

in which he had become greatly interested, he entered the Chicago Veterinary College, where he pursued the full three years' course and was graduated as a veterinarian April 6, 1909, standing first in all branches of the work. He spent some time in experimental work at Covington, Indiana, with Dr. Carter, who is one of the best known veterinary surgeons in this section of the country. Since that time Dr. Clark has engaged in the livery business and the practice of veterinary surgery at Farm Ridge and is the only doctor of comparative medicine in that part of the country. As a lover of fine horses he is devoting a great deal of attention to the development of the best breeds. He is the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and eighty-seven acres, two and one-half miles south of Ridge Farm and also of a well equipped livery establishment.

Dr. Clark is unmarried. Politically he is in sympathy with the republican party but he has no desire for official preferment, and in the business he has chosen he finds a gratification that he feels no other line of industry would have afforded. He has made a special study of the horse, which he justly regards as one of the noblest and most useful of the domestic animals and one which is still capable of much improvement. This improvement in his opinion can be accomplished by scientific breeding—the work to which he expects largely to devote his life. Young, ambitious and endowed with a fair share of confidence in himself, there is no reason in the opinion of his friends why he should not make a lasting reputation in his chosen field and also add to the wealth and prosperity of Vermilion county.

R. W. STEPHEN.

R. W. Stephen, engaged in the conduct of a first class livery barn in Catlin, is numbered among the well known and prominent business men of this city, his wise management and capable control of his interests winning him a most gratifying degree of success. Illinois claims him as one of her native sons, his birth having occurred in Iroquois county on the 6th of June, 1867. His parents are R. H. and Mary A. (Barcus) Stephen, both natives of Indiana, who came to Illinois at an early day, locating in Iroquois county, where the father engaged in farming for a number of years. He purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres after his arrival in Illinois, for which he paid one dollar and a quarter per acre, but under his careful direction the place was converted into a valuable and productive farming property. He is now living retired, however, and with his wife makes his home in Rossville, Vermilion county. In their family were three children, as follows: Carrie Emma, now deceased; R. W., of this review; and Elizabeth, who makes her home with her parents and is engaged in teaching school.

In the home of his parents R. W. Stephen spent the period of his boyhood and youth, and in the common schools of Illinois acquired a good education. He was reared to farm work and amid the busy activities and healthful surroundings of rural life learned many lessons concerning the value of industry, energy and perseverance, and there laid the corner-stone for future success in

hard labor and earnest endeavor. He remained with his father, assisting in the work of the fields, until twenty-five years of age, when he laid the foundation for a happy home life of his own through his marriage to Miss Dora E. Polson, of Potomac, Illinois. Her parents were John and Adelina (Church) Polson, the former now deceased. The mother however, still survives and makes her home in Vermilion county.

After his marriage Mr. Stephen entered business on his own account as a dealer in horses, thinking to find that line of activity more congenial and profitable than work on the farm, and for the conduct of that business located in Danville, Illinois. There he remained for one year and then purchased a farm, to which he removed and upon which he continued in the same line of business for eleven years. He then sold the farm and bought three acres adjoining the village of Catlin, but after remaining there for three years traded the place for a house and three lots within the city limits. Erecting a fine cement barn, he has since engaged in the livery business, meeting with most gratifying success in that undertaking. An excellent judge of horses, his stables contain many fine animals, while his line of cabs, buggies, run-abouts, etc., represents the most modern and up-to-date makes. His equipment is full and complete, destined to meet all demands made upon the business, and his barn is one of the first class and well patronized establishments of the city.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen was blessed with seven children, all of whom are yet at home with the exception of the fourth, who passed away in infancy. The others are Richard E., Carrie Emma, Ruby, Herman, Verney, and Mary A. Mr. Stephen holds membership in Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 431, and, recognizing the fact that the liquor traffic is one of the worst evils against which the country has to contend, he has cast his influence ever on the side of temperance and gives his political support to the prohibition party, although he has never sought nor desired public office. Early coming to a realization of the fact that success in business must come as the legitimate and logical result of well directed effort and intelligently applied labor, perseverance, diligence and integrity have constituted for him the guiding posts of life, bringing him to the creditable place which he now occupies in business circles.

FRANK H. GUTHNECK.

Frank H. Guthneck, a representative of journalistic interests in Vermilion county, is the enterprising editor of the Westville Record. His birth occurred at Harpers Ferry, Iowa, on the 21st of March, 1864, his parents being Hubert and Mary C. (Leseure) Guthneck. The father was born in Alsace, France, on the 3d of November, 1832, while the mother was a native of Nancy, France. When six years of age Hubert Guthneck accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States, the family home being established in Indiana. After attaining his majority he turned his attention to general mercantile pursuits and in that field of endeavor won a small fortune. About eighteen years ago he put aside active business cares and now lives retired at Harpers Ferry,

Iowa. It was in the Hoosier state that he married Miss Leseure, who came to this country with her parents when nine years of age, locating in Indiana.

Frank H. Guthneck, who was one of a family of nine children, acquired his early education in the grammar schools and afterward attended Bailey's Commercial College of Dubuque, Iowa. After putting aside his text-books he assisted his father in the store for five years and then took up newspaper work as a reporter on the Dubuque Evening Telegraph. He was subsequently identified with journalistic interests at various places until the time of his arrival in Westville, Illinois, where on the 6th of May, 1910, he founded the Westville Record, the first American newspaper in the town. It is printed in two languages, American and Lithuanian, and is a most up-to-date publication in every respect. Although but recently established, the Westville Record has a large subscription list as well as excellent advertising patronage, and it is acknowledged that the paper fills a long-felt want in the community.

On the 1st of November, 1891, Mr. Guthneck was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Donahue, who was born, reared and educated in Marshall Illinois. They have become the parents of nine children, eight of whom are yet living. Paul H., the oldest son, is associated with his father in business.

In his political views Mr. Guthneck is a republican but he publishes his paper as an absolutely independent sheet. He is a devoted communicant of the Roman Catholic church—the faith of his ancestors. His life has ever been upright and honorable and the motives which have guided his actions have been such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

FRANK B. SMITH.

In all the relations of public and private life Frank B. Smith worked toward high ideals and seldom failed to accomplish what he undertook. The extent and importance of his business interests, his support of projects for the public good and his fidelity to the principles of honorable, upright manhood made him a valued and honored citizen. He lived for many years in this county but was a native of New York, his birth having occurred at Painted Post, October 12, 1848. His father was Joseph Smith, at one time well known in business circles in this county, where he located during the boyhood of his son Frank, who attended the public schools of this locality and afterward continued his education in Stockwell, Indiana.

Following his graduation from the Stockwell schools Frank B. Smith became associated with his father in a milling enterprise at Myersville, doing the outside work, including the buying of grain. He thus gained comprehensive knowledge of the business in its various phases and in 1875 he came to Danville and purchased a one-third interest in a flouring mill on what was then known as Mill street, but now Logan avenue. His partners in the business being his father and George Giddings. After a few years failing health necessitated a change in business, and Frank B. Smith exchanged his mill interests for a farm on North Vermilion street, where he removed in January, 1879. This

tract at that time was simply farm land and some distance out of the city. The change in business at once brought about an improvement in Mr. Smith's health. In connection with farming he commenced raising early vegetables, also breeding fine poultry and pet stock. As a breeder of both he became one of the best known men in the state. He made a specialty of Buff Plymouth Rocks, which with his other stock were exhibited successfully all over the state. At one time he was breeding fifteen varieties of poultry and pet stock.

He gave considerable attention to small fruits and became widely known because of the large and fine strawberries which he raised and which found a ready market. Mr. Smith was thorough in what he did, and whatever he raised was the best of its kind. He was always a great lover of flowers, which as much as any real desire for pecuniary gain caused him to go into the florist business. In 1881 he purchased the Klingenspoor greenhouse on East Main street, to be used mostly in raising vegetable plants for that branch of his business, but seeing an opportunity for florist business, he branched out into that line. He began in a modest way but it was a success from the start, as had been his other ventures, and soon became the leading and most extensive in Danville, a position that has been maintained to the present time. While some branches of the business were discontinued from time to time it grew in other lines to extensive and profitable proportions.

Mr. Smith laid out considerable of his land in town lots, which were sold off. He planted many beautiful shade trees and all in all did much to beautify that section of the city. His two sons, Joseph and Herbert, were practically reared in the business, and at their father's death succeeded to the business, which has been kept fully abreast of the times. Mr. Smith was one of the most active members of the Vermilion County Poultry Association. He died May 13, 1906, and is buried in Springhill cemetery.

On January 27, 1874, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Flora Shockley, a native of Greenfield, Highland county, Ohio, born July 31, 1853, but at that time a resident of Eight-mile Prairie. The parents of Mrs. Smith, Joshua A. and Helen F. (Merrill) Shockley, are still living at the ages of eighty-six and eighty years respectively. Mr. Shockley was born near Dover, Delaware, and his wife near Columbus, Ohio. They came to Illinois in the early '60s. Mrs. Shockley is the only surviving member of the family to which Bishop Merrill belonged, he being her brother.

They were parents of four children, as follows: Raymond Delbert, was a member of Battery A during Spanish-American war. He married Miss Nina Jump, a daughter of Perry Jump. Raymond Smith is wire chief for the Danville Telephone Company, with which he has been connected for a number of years. Joseph J. served in the Spanish-American war as sergeant of Battery A. He married Miss Leona Burgoyne, of Danville, a daughter of James Burgoyne and has one daughter, Letitia. Herbert E. also a sergeant in Spanish-American war, married Luella Prouty of St. Joseph, Missouri, and has two children, Frank B. and Herbert David. Juliette Jean is now Mrs. John E. Lee of Danville and has one son, John Ersom.

In his political views Mr. Smith was an earnest republican, giving unfaltering support to the principles of the party. He held membership with the Knights

of Pythias and the Court of Honor and also belonged to the Kimber Methodist Episcopal church. He was a man of domestic habits and tastes, devoted to the welfare of his family and measuring his greatest happiness by the welfare of his wife and children. A public-spirited citizen, he was ever ready to advance the interests of city and county by cooperating in the measures and projects for the public good and as the years passed on he established himself firmly in the public regard. The cause of education found in him a stalwart champion and as a director for years of the Roselawn school he did much to further its interests. He made good use of his time and opportunities and as the years went by gained prosperity, yet his success was measured not alone by material gain but also by an enterprising spirit, by intellectuality, by sincerity of purpose and his championship of what was in his opinion right and just.

PROFESSOR LIN H. GRIFFITH.

It is ability that has gained for Professor Lin H. Griffith the position he now fills as superintendent of city schools of Danville. A native of Ohio, he was born at Short Creek, Harrison county, on the 23d of September, 1858, and is a son of Benjamin B. and Sarah M. (Morgan) Griffith, the former a native of Reading, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Harrison county, Ohio, both born in 1836. The father is a machinist and blacksmith by trade and is still living in Harrison county, but the mother died in 1901. Since attaining his majority he has taken a very active interest in politics, although he has only filled a few minor offices. In his family are five sons and one daughter, namely: Professor Lin H. of this review; John M., a farmer; George A., a blacksmith; William, a farmer; Anna, the wife of William Smyth of Short Creek, Ohio; and Frank M.

Professor Griffith received his early education in the public schools of his native village and later entered Franklin College at New Athens, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1887 with the degree of B. S. He worked his way through school, earning every dollar for his education by his own exertions, and before his graduation he taught five winters in the rural schools and was principal of a school at Potomac, Illinois, for five years, having come to Vermilion county in 1884. Previous to this, however, he had spent two years in McLean county, Illinois. In 1889 he was appointed by the board of supervisors as county superintendent of schools and was elected to that position in 1890, reelected in 1894 and 1898, serving in all a little over ten years, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. In 1899 he was made superintendent of the Danville schools and has since filled that position, being reappointed by the board of education every year since. He now has under his supervision eight graded schools and one high school with an average attendance of about three thousand six hundred students. All the schools of Danville are under his control and during his regime three new buildings have been erected at a cost of about two hundred and fifteen thousand dollars and extensive repairs and additions have been made at a cost of forty thousand dollars. Professor Griffith has done much for the betterment of edu-

cational affairs in this city, being progressive and up-to-date in his methods as well as conservative and it is largely due to his efforts that the schools of Danville now rank among the best public institutions of the state. He has also made himself very popular with the residents of the city and is a man held in high esteem by all who know him.

On the 1st of April, 1884, Professor Griffith was united in marriage to Miss Lulu May Heffling of McLean county, Illinois, who died in September, 1886, leaving one daughter, Viola N., now assistant librarian in the Danville public library. He was again married December 25, 1887, his second union being with Miss Nannie A. Heaton of Hoopeston, Illinois, by whom he had six children, five of whom are still living, namely: Helen M., a graduate of the high school; Florence M., Robert H. and Howard W., still in school; and Joseph Lawrence.

Professor Griffith is a prominent Scottish Rite Mason and is also a member of Lodge No. 69, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Marsh Encampment. He is past chancellor and one of the trustees of Damascus Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and a charter member of Northcott Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, and was one of the trustees and members of the Sons of Veterans during its existence in Danville. Religiously he is connected with the First Methodist Episcopal church, to which his family also belong. In connection with his educational work, he was made one of the directors of the State Teachers' Reading Circle and held several offices in the State Teachers' Association. He has filled all the executive offices and was president of the Central Illinois State Teachers' Association and is today chairman of the executive committee of the City Superintendents' Association of Illinois. Since 1902 he has been an active member of the National Educational Association and occupies a prominent position in educational affairs. He has become widely known as a man of much more than ordinary ability and the success that he has attained in life is due to his own unaided efforts, for he had to work his own way through school and has since been dependent entirely upon his own exertions.

HENRY R. JONES.

Henry R. Jones needs no introduction to the residents of Catlin township, among whom he has spent his entire life, for the upright and manly principles which have ever governed his life, constituting him one of the valued and honored citizens of the community, have at the same time won for him the high regard, confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. Born in Catlin, November 21, 1856, he is a son of Richard and Sarah A. (Bentley) Jones, natives of London, England, whence they came to America in 1849 in company with their respective parents, the family homes being established in Vermilion county. Here the father engaged in general farming and in mercantile business for a number of years, he and his wife spending their remaining days in this county, his death occurring October 23, 1876, while she passed away January 31, 1903. In their family were six children, all of whom are yet living.

In the schools of Catlin township Henry R. Jones received a good education, and he was reared to manhood on the home farm, where he learned many lessons concerning the value of industry, perseverance and integrity. He assisted his father in the cultivation of the fields until the latter's death, when he took charge of the homestead and was engaged in its further cultivation and improvement until 1893, when, thinking to find other pursuits more congenial and profitable he became identified with the meat business, conducting a market for about two years. In the year 1897 he was appointed postmaster at Catlin under President McKinley's administration and has occupied that position to the present time, covering a period of thirteen years, his entire attention being given to the duties devolved upon him in that connection. His long continuation in office is an indication of the fact that he has proved an excellent and trustworthy official, performing his duties in a way creditable to himself and entirely satisfactory to his fellow citizens.

It was in 1885 that Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Annie V. Champion, who was born in Indiana in 1861. She was a daughter of F. M. and Jane (Church) Champion, natives of Indiana and England, respectively, both of whom are now deceased. She was one of ten children born unto her parents and by her marriage to Mr. Jones became the mother of five children, namely: Grace V., who married C. H. Hughes, of Chicago, Illinois; Claud R., a graduate of the high school, who is living at home; Russell F. and Ferris H. also at home; and Lloyd W., who has just entered the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they are deeply and actively engaged and of which he is serving as treasurer, while the teachings of that denomination have ever governed his actions, whether in private, business or public life. He is well known in fraternal circles of Catlin, holding membership in Catlin Lodge, No. 285, A. F. & A. M., in which he has served as treasurer for fourteen years, and is also identified with the Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 431, of Catlin. In politics a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, he has been an active party worker, serving on the village board and also filling the position of tax collector. For several years he was a member of the school board and throughout his long and close connection with public life has done everything in his power to further the political, material, moral and intellectual interests of the community. His long residence in Catlin township has made Mr. Jones widely known throughout the community, while his strength of character and his honorable public record constitute him a valuable citizen whom Catlin is proud to number among her native sons.

GEORGE S. SMITH.

On the roll of Vermilion county's honored dead appears the name of George S. Smith, a life-long resident of this part of the state, where his sterling traits of character gained him the favorable regard of all who knew him. He was born in 1856, in Vermilion county, and while spending his youthful days under the parental roof pursued his education in the country schools, which he at-

tended through the winter months, while in the summer seasons he aided in the work of the home farm. His entire life was devoted to general agricultural pursuits. While in school he gave his vacation periods to the work of the fields and after completing his school days in Rossville he spent his entire time in promoting the development of the old home place. Following his marriage he farmed his father's land and as the result of his careful cultivation of the soil he annually gathered good harvests. He practiced the rotation of crops and by the judicious use of fertilizers kept the soil in good condition. At all times he marched in the front ranks of the progressive agriculturists of the community and his labors therefore, brought him substantial returns.

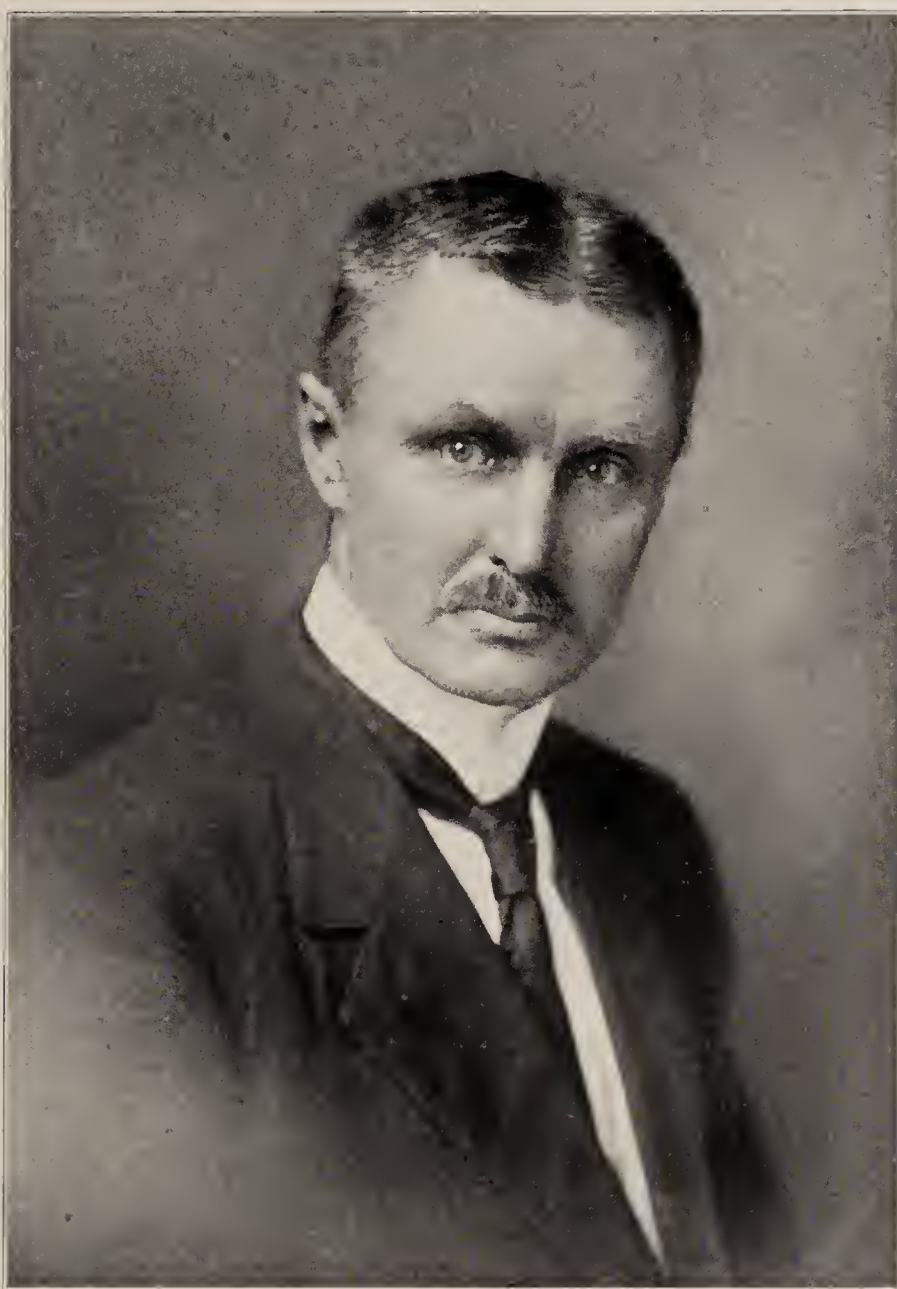
In February, 1889, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Smith, a daughter of John R. and Josephine R. (Stewart) Smith. Her father was a native of this county and a representative of a very prominent family. He followed farming through the period of his early manhood and afterward turned his attention to merchandising, in which field of business he continued up to the time of his retirement, which occurred about five years ago. Unto Mr. and Mrs. George S. Smith were born two children: Eugene C., who is now a student in the Culver Military Academy on Lake Maxinkuckee, Indiana; and Josephine, who died when three years of age.

The family have taken a prominent part in church affairs and are interested in the moral development of the community. Mr. Smith belonged to the Masonic fraternity and was in hearty sympathy with the principles of the craft, which are based on mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. His political support was given to the republican party, and he served on the town board as an alderman, in which connection he exercised his official prerogatives in support of various measures for the general good. When called to his final rest December 24, 1904, he left a record that is well worthy of emulation.

W. A. COCHRAN, M. D.

Dr. W. A. Cochran, a well known and successful representative of the medical fraternity in Vermilion county, has practiced his profession within its borders for almost three decades and for the past fifteen years has been located at Danville. His birth occurred in Madison, Indiana, on the 8th of October, 1850, his parents being Andrew and Minerva (Morris) Cochran, who were likewise natives of that place, the former born on the 2d of November, 1822, and the later on the 2d of November, 1826. The father was a contractor and builder by trade and in 1855 removed to Brookston, Indiana, where the mother died of smallpox on the 6th of May, 1861. The death of Andrew Cochran occurred on the 30th of September, 1901. He was twice married and by his first wife had three children, of whom our subject is the eldest. His brother and sister died in childhood. By his second wife Andrew Cochran had two sons, Clyde and Sherman, who are residents of Brookston.

Dr. Cochran obtained his education in the academy at Brookston, Indiana, leaving that institution in 1868. The following year he began preparation for



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his chosen life work as a student in the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, from which institution he was graduated in 1873. Locating for practice at Brookston, he there remained for one year and then spent a similar period in Boone county, Kentucky. The scene of his professional labors next changed to Indianapolis, where he was actively engaged in practice until 1882, which year witnessed his arrival in Vermilion county, Illinois. He established his home and office at Grape Creek and remained there until 1895, since which time he has practiced continuously in Danville. He has gained a liberal patronage and his success in administering the remedies necessary for alleviating human suffering has won for him a desirable reputation. Through his membership in the County, State and National Medical Societies he keeps in close touch with the progress that is being continually made by the profession. He has served on the hospital surgical staff of the Vermilion county hospital for fifteen years and is also examining physician for a number of insurance companies.

In 1877, at Brookston, Indiana, Dr. Cochran was united in marriage to Miss Martha Perry Medaris, who was born in Hartford, Indiana, on the 3d of April, 1855, her parents being John and Martha Medaris, the former a physician of Brookston. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Cochran have been born two children, namely: Charles H., whose birth occurred February 7, 1878, and who is a machinist in the employ of the Danville foundry and machine shops; and Helen E., born August 30, 1880, who is now the wife of W. W. Stratton, of Chicago.

In his political views Dr. Cochran is a republican and for seven years he filled the office of county physician, while for two terms he acted as police magistrate at Grape Creek, Illinois. In 1894 he was elected assistant supervisor of Danville township. He belongs to the Physicians Club and also holds membership relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Tribe of Ben Hur and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His personal characteristics have gained for him the warm regard and friendship of many, while in professional lines he has attained that eminence which only comes in recognition of merit and ability.

ALFRED A. JOHNSON.

Although one of the younger members of the Danville bar Alfred A. Johnson has already proceeded far on the road to success. A native of Vermilion county, he was born in Oakwood township, on the 22d of February, 1886. His father, George W. Johnson, a native of Indiana, came to this county in 1854, accompanying his parents on their removal to Illinois when a lad of six years. He was a son of Job Johnson, a native of Virginia, who after his removal to Indiana followed the occupation of farming upon a tract of land of forty acres. George W. Johnson also devoted his life to the occupation of farming until the 8th of March, 1899, when he removed to Danville, where he is now living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He still owns a farm in Oakwood township, from which he derives a substantial income. For more than a half century he has been a resident of Vermilion county

and in matters of citizenship he has maintained a progressive attitude, advocating all the measures and projects which he has believed to be of practical benefit to the community. In early manhood he wedded Miss Mary Atwood, a native of Pilot township and a daughter of Alfred Atwood, one of the early settlers of the county.

Alfred A. Johnson is the youngest of a family of four children, the others being: Mamie J., now the wife of G. F. Fox, living in Danville; Lulu A., now the wife of W. P. Craig, cashier of the Danville National Bank; and Robert E., who is a medical student at Louisville, Kentucky.

In the public schools of Oakwood township near his father's home, Alfred A. Johnson pursued his early education and later entered the public schools of Danville in which he continued his course until graduated from the high school with the class of 1904. The following year he took up the study of law with the intention of making it his practice his life work and matriculating in the University of Illinois at Champaign was graduated with the class of 1908. Admitted to the Illinois bar he began practice in Danville in July of that year and in the two years which have since elapsed has made steady progress in the profession, having already a good clientage that argues well for larger success in the future. He is using as the foundation of his success careful preparation of his cases, clear analysis and logical reasoning before the courts and prompted by laudable ambition he is winning for himself a creditable position at the Vermilion county bar.

In June, 1910, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Ruby Fairchild, a native of Danville and a daughter of Harrison Fairchild, a retired farmer. Both are well known in the county in which they have spent their entire lives and the hospitality of many of the best homes is freely accorded them. Mr. Johnson is a Mason, belonging to Olive Branch Lodge, No. 38, A. F. & A. M. His political support is given to the republican party and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day although never seeking public office.

GEORGE DILLON.

There was much in the life record of George Dillon that was worthy of commendation. A veteran of the Civil war, his loyalty in citizenship was no more marked upon the field of battle than in the various public offices to which he was called through the vote of his fellow townsmen. In every relation of life he was found true to the trust reposed in him and there were exemplified in him many sterling traits of character which constitute an example well worthy of emulation. It was during the pioneer epoch in the history of this part of the state that George Dillon came to take his place as a member of one of the families dwelling here.

He was born near Georgetown, January 16, 1837, a son of Luke and Charity (Wright) Dillon. On leaving North Carolina the father went to Ohio and the experiences of pioneer life became very familiar to him there. He left the Buckeye state in 1830 and arriving in Vermilion county, Illinois, was thereafter

identified with the development and progress of the community until his life's labors were ended in death in 1852. He had settled on a farm near Georgetown, and his efforts, intelligently directed, have made of his place one of the best improved farms of the district. After losing his first wife, who also died on the farm near Georgetown, he was married to Miss Sarah Hayworth, who is now deceased. There were ten children born of the first marriage but all are now deceased.

At the usual age George Dillon began his education in the district schools, mastering the branches of learning which constitute the public-school curriculum. In the periods of vacation he worked in the fields and early became familiar with all the duties and labors which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. When his school days were over he devoted his entire attention to the occupation to which he had been reared nor did he cease from his labors until he felt that his first duty was to his country, then engaged in civil war. Joining the boys in blue he became a member of Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry, enlisting for three years. Marching to the front he was with his regiment in many hotly contested engagements up to the battle of Dallas, Georgia, in which he was wounded in the right arm. His injuries necessitated hospital treatments, and he was taken to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and later he was transferred to the hospital at Nashville, where his arm was amputated. He was afterward in the hospital at Mound City, Illinois, and was there honorably discharged in 1865. "The empty sleeve of army blue" thereafter gave evidence of the sacrifice which he had made for his country.

After being mustered out Mr. Dillon at once resumed farming in Georgetown township and was successful in the management and conduct of his place, the well developed and highly cultivated fields bringing to him a substantial return for his labors. Before he joined the army he was married to Miss Desdemona F. Martin, the wedding being celebrated on the 7th of March, 1861. Her parents were Henry and Mary (Morgan) Martin. Her father, who was born in Virginia, became a resident of Vermilion county in 1820, settling near Georgetown only two years after the admission of the state into the Union. He bent his energies to the development of his fields and occupied and cultivated his farm through his remaining days. For several years he filled the position of justice of the peace and his decisions were strictly fair and impartial, winning him "golden opinions from all sorts of people."

During the years in which Mr. and Mrs. Dillon resided upon their farm eight children were born unto them but two of the number died in infancy. The others are Lucretia Alma, the wife of C. S. Johnson, a printer of Danville; William S., now serving as county surveyor; Hannah, the wife of Harvey Johnson, a traveling salesman of Danville; Grace, the wife of Philip Yeager, a contractor of Danville; Joseph G., a bookkeeper; and Robert M.

The death of the husband and father occurred September 26, 1891, at which time he was filling the office of justice of the peace. He had previously been called to a number of positions of honor and trust, serving in various township offices. In October, 1868, he removed to Danville and was elected circuit clerk of Vermilion county, remaining the incumbent in that position for twelve years, his long service being positive proof of his capability and fidelity in office, for,

as Abraham Lincoln has expressed it: "you may fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time" and therefore the unworthy official must sooner or later be found out. That Mr. Dillon was called to this office by the vote of the people is therefore indicative of the confidence and trust reposed in him. He was afterward a member of the county board of supervisors and held other official positions, the duties of which were discharged in a manner so satisfactory that no word of commendation or criticism was heard.

His political support was always given the republican party and his labors were a potent element in its local success. He held membership in Kenesaw Post, No. 77, G. A. R., of Danville, and was filling the position of commander at the time of his death. He also belonged to the Odd Fellows lodge, and both he and his wife held membership in the Church of Christ. In its work and up-building he was deeply interested and did all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. For many years he served as one of the elders of the church and was a deacon at the time of his demise. At all times he labored for the right as he saw it and cooperated in many movements and projects for the public good. Thus he grew in the regard of his fellowmen and at the same time he prospered in his worldly goods, achieving through well directed business affairs and careful investment a goodly measure of success that enabled him to leave a comfortable competence to his family who were ever his first consideration, his own happiness centering in their welfare.

WILLIAM G. CATHCART.

Without invidious distinction, William G. Cathcart may be termed Sidell's leading citizen. His position in the regard of his fellow townsmen is indicated by the fact that they have several times called him to the office of their chief executive, in which position he is now serving. Moreover, as president of the First National Bank of Sidell he occupies a leading position in its business circles and is no less highly esteemed for the sterling traits which he manifests in the social circles of the community.

A native of Illinois, Mr. Cathcart was born in Natrona, Mason county, February 8, 1869, a son of John Marshall and Sarah J. (Alexander) Cathcart. The father was born at Pomroy, County Tyrone, Ireland, March 11, 1842, and died at Pensacola, Florida, February 21, 1910. He became a resident of Morgan county, Illinois, in 1860, and was there employed upon a farm for several years. On the 15th of November, 1866, he married Sarah J. Alexander and later removed to Mason county, Illinois, where he was engaged in farming and in the grain business on his own account. He continued a resident of that place until 1881, after which he spent three years in Nebraska, returning then to Illinois, where for a number of years he engaged in the lumber and grain business but retired about ten years prior to his death. He lived a consistent Christian life, becoming a member of the Christian church in the winter of 1876 while residing in Mason county. One of the local papers said of him: "His life was sin-

cere. He was just, honest, benevolent and kind, measuring up to every duty, seizing every opportunity where good might be accomplished and whereby others might be made happy. He was a devoted Christian in the broadest and noblest significance of that word, exemplifying in his daily life the sublime principles of Christianity." When he passed away his remains were returned to the home town for burial and his funeral was one of the largest ever held there, being made up of friends and neighbors of long standing who gathered to pay their last tribute of respect and friendship to a worthy citizen. One who knew him well said of him that "he never saw him anything but the happy, jovial, good-natured man that he was. Outwardly at least he never presented a ruffled nature and business cares were never carried into his home. This world would need fewer doctors, lawyers and courts if we had an organization of men who would go up and down the thoroughfares of life smiling; not smiles that need to be coaxed to the surface, but smiles like that of J. M. Cathcart that spring forth like the fountain from the hillside."

Unto Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cathcart were born three children: Florence Heron, who died in May, 1899; William G.; and John A. The wife and mother still survives and is now a resident of Sidell.

William G. Cathcart was reared at home, acquiring his education in the public schools of Jacksonville. On the removal of his father to Nebraska in 1884 he became associated with him in the live-stock business and in 1887 they returned to Illinois. At that time William G. Cathcart entered the First National Bank of Paris, Illinois, occupying the position of bookkeeper there for six months. In the fall of that year, however, he resigned to accept the position of cashier in the private bank of Lyons, Alexander & Company at Sidell, and in 1906 he and his brother John A. purchased Mr. Lyons' interest in the bank at which time the firm style was changed to Alexander & Cathcart. Under this name the business was conducted until March 1, 1909, when they absorbed the First National Bank and incorporated the newly organized institution as the First National Bank of Sidell. At the time of the purchase of Mr. Lyons' interest William G. Cathcart was made president of the institution and has since remained in that capacity. His sagacity is keen, his judgment sound and his enterprise is constantly reaching out to new methods which will advance the interests of the bank and render its service of greater value to its patrons. It is today recognized as one of the strong financial institutions of the country, being based upon principles which are of recognized value in commercial and financial circles.

It was in 1890 that Mr. Cathcart was united in marriage to Miss Anna Sconce, a native of Carroll township, Vermilion county, and a daughter of James S. Sconce, now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cathcart was born one child, Celia S., now attending the Sidell high school.

In his political views Mr. Cathcart is a republican with firm faith in the principles of the party, yet without desire or ambition for office. His fellow townsmen, however, recognizing his worth and ability in citizenship, have frequently called upon him to fill positions of public honor and trust, and, answering to these demands, he has served repeatedly as mayor of Sidell, being the present incumbent in the office. As chief executive of the city he has labored

as untiringly and effectively for the public good as he does for the advancement of his individual interests in private business connections. His administration has been characterized by needed reform and by practical improvement, and the most correct and careful methods are applied to the management of the business of the office.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Cathcart is a Mason, an Elk and a Modern Woodman. He belongs to Sidell Lodge, No. 798, A. F. & A. M.; to Danville Chapter, R. A. M.; to Chicago Consistory, A. & A. S. R.; is a member of Danville Lodge, B. P. O. E.; and is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and his active support of various lines of church work. He is now secretary of the board of trustees of the church and for several years has served as Sunday school superintendent. He ranks with the most prominent men of the southern portion of Vermilion county. He holds to high ideals in every relation of life and in their attainment is recognized as a man of action rather than of theory. His correct judging of life's contacts and experiences as well as of his own capabilities and powers, his even paced energy and the simple weight of his character and ability have carried him into important public and business relations.

JOHN N. BADEWITZ.

Among the successful farmers of Vermilion county should be named John N. Badewitz, now deceased, who came to this country as a boy of sixteen and through his own exertions and a worthy ambition that should be the inspiration of every young man, attained a position of respect and honor in this county. He was born in Germany, December 21, 1854, and was the son of Lawrence and Katherine Badewitz, who lived and died in the fatherland. The subject of this review was educated in the public schools, while even before he had passed out of the years of boyhood he learned of the marvelous opportunities awaiting the hand of toil in this favored land and he determined as soon as he had arrived at years of discretion to seek his destiny in the republic. Accordingly, after leaving school he bade farewell to his friends and associates and came to New York, traveling thence to Illinois, where he began the battle of life among strangers as a farm laborer. He proved to be an apt pupil and soon acquired the language of the new country and after a few years, having in the meantime become well acquainted with farm life, he rented land on his own account and soon began to gather abundant harvests.

Mr. Badewitz was an intelligent man of fine character and in the neighborhood he met Miss Clara J. Andrews, to whom in 1887 he was united in marriage. She was born on the farm that she now owns and where she now resides, January 25, 1858, and is a daughter of David P. and Rhoda (Zumwalt) Andrews. Her father was a native of New York and the mother of Kentucky, the respective families coming to Illinois at an early date, where they acquired land and became established as farmers. Mr. Andrews was quite successful

and became the owner of a valuable farm in Newell township. He departed this life February 17, 1879, his wife having been called away November 9, 1897. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrews: D. Clinton, James A., Charles R., and Clara J., who became the wife of our subject.

John N. Badewitz was successful in a marked degree in his farming operations and at the time of his death, which took place September 25, 1908, in the fifty-fourth year of his age, he was the owner of a well improved farm of two hundred and eighty-seven acres. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Badewitz five children were born: Hazel, born June 22, 1888; an infant, deceased; Harry, born December 12, 1890; Alta, born January 26, 1894; and Rhoda, born April 30, 1896. All are at home with their mother.

Mr. Badewitz was in sympathy with the democratic party as the one that best expresses the theory of republican institutions and he gave his hearty support to its candidates. He served with credit to himself and the people of his township for three years as commissioner of highways and for ten years he was an active member of the school board. He held membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodge at State Line, whose principles of friendship, love and truth appealed to him as being especially applicable in an age when the accumulation of money threatens to take the place of higher ideals. He will be remembered as a man of many noble traits of character that endeared him to his family and friends and that earned for him the esteem of the entire neighborhood. He inherited the indomitable energy of the Teutonic race and was entirely fearless in the discharge of any responsibility which he considered he owed to himself or to others. He was always self-reliant and industrious and in earlier years was economical, so that he acquired sufficient funds to enable him to start independently as a farmer. He used good judgment in his business transactions and by due attention to his work he reached a position finally that would have been impossible under the conditions of the old country where the son follows in the footsteps of the father and there is often little possibility of changing conditions in which one is born. Under the American republic Mr. Badewitz found the freedom and an opportunity he had yearned for, and here he established a home and left a widow and children who will ever regard his name with the reverence and respect due to a worthy husband and loving father.

CHARLES LUCKEY.

It would be difficult to find in all the length and breadth of the land a richer and more productive agricultural district than Vermilion county, and they are fortunate, therefore, who derive at least a part of their income from farming interests here as does Charles Luckey, who owns both town and country property. He is one of Vermilion county's native sons, his birth having occurred here in 1856. His father, George Luckey, was an old-time resident of the county and devoted his life to general farming and stock-raising, meeting with success in both branches of his business.

Upon the home farm Charles Luckey was reared, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the farm lad. The common schools afforded him his educational privileges and after putting aside his text-books he worked at the carpenter's trade, but is now engaged in farming in this county.

On the 24th of September, 1908, Mr. Luckey was united in marriage to Mrs. Myra (Makemson) Elder, a daughter of Hiram and Prudence (Campbell) Makemson. Her father was born in Kentucky in 1830 and is still living at the age of eighty years. In his childhood he came to Vermilion county and has been a lifelong farmer. He married Prudence Campbell, who was born in this county in 1824 and remained here until her death, which occurred in 1880. They were the parents of five children: Myra, now Mrs. Luckey; Mary, the wife of W. W. Current; Bertha, the deceased wife of Mort Byrd, by whom she had one child, Joseph Byrd; Sherman, who married Sadie Byrd; Joseph, now deceased, who wedded Mary Renner, who still survives.

Mr. and Mrs. Luckey are the owners of farming interests and town property and derive therefrom a substantial and well merited income. His political support is given to the republican party, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church. Fraternally he is connected with the Tribe of Ben Hur and with the Masonic lodge, and Mrs. Luckey is also well known in the ladies' auxiliaries of these organizations, having held office in the Eastern Star and in the Royal Neighbors. They reside at No. 102 South Hazel street, where they own and occupy an attractive home that is the abode of a warm-hearted and generous hospitality.

GEORGE W. MILLER.

George W. Miller is a retired farmer of Vermilion county living about three miles east of Rossville on the Attica road. His home is on the south side of the road and stands in a fine grove of hickory trees. It is pleasantly and attractively located and there he is enjoying life, his rest being the merited reward of many years of earnest and well directed labor. He was born in Indiana on the 26th of November, 1841, and is a son of Andrew J. and Catharine (Moyer) Miller. The father removed from the Blue Grass state to Indiana in 1820, when about six years of age and was there reared, coming to Illinois about 1846. He was one of the earliest settlers of Vermilion county and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, carefully devoting his attention to farm work until he had developed a good property.

George W. Miller was a little lad of four years when brought to Illinois by his parents. His education was acquired in his district. Owing to the sparsely settled condition of the county and the fact that public schools had not been organized, several families of the neighborhood in which he lived employed a teacher for the instruction of their children. During all of his school period George W. Miller worked upon the home farm as his aid was needed and the periods of vacation were always given to such tasks as were suited to his age



MR. AND MRS. G. W. MILLER

and strength. For a term or two he attended a school about four miles from his home but though his school training was comparatively limited he has learned many valuable lessons in the school of experience and by reading and observation has become a well informed man. His thorough training in farm work well qualified him to take up farming on his own account after he had attained his majority. He worked with his father through the period of his youth and afterward bought land for himself. In fact he made his first money by buying and selling land and at all time he has manifested particularly sound judgment in making investments. At length he became the owner of a part of his present farm and to this has added as his financial resources have permitted until it is now a splendid and extensive property of four hundred and forty-five acres, which annually returns a substantial income as a reward for the care and labor bestowed upon it.

On the 15th of February, 1872, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Vianna Haas, a daughter of Daniel and Louise (Miller) Haas, from Pennsylvania. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born nine children: Louise, the wife of Jess Lansdown, by whom she has three children, Frank, Paul and Russell; Andrew, engaged in the livery business, who married Mary Prather and has two children, Harold and Marita; Samuel J., who wedded Maud Cadle; Mary, the wife of John Harris; Elsie, who married Reed Songer and has two children, Creta and Andrew; Maud, the wife of Ed Hushaw and the mother of one son, Charles; George, living upon the home farm, who married Stella Cox, by whom he has two children, Edward and Amil; Grover C., also on the home farm; and Pearl, who completes the family.

Mr. Miller has served on the school board and at one time was commissioner of his township. He has always been interested in matters pertaining to the public welfare and cooperates in all those measures which he deems of value to the community. He and his family belong to the Christian church and his has been a well spent life that has gained for him the respect and confidence of his fellowmen as well as the substantial rewards of labor. He has now lived in Vermilion county for sixty-six years and has therefore largely witnessed its growth and upbuilding as it has been converted from a sparsely settled district into a populous region that now constitutes one of the richest and most progressive districts of this state.

JAMES P. COOK.

James P. Cook is a retired farmer now residing in Danville. He deserves representation in this volume because of his own personal worth and the fact that he is connected with one of its oldest pioneer families. He was born in Vermilion county, near Catlin, and is a son of Samuel and Melvina (Graves) Cook. The father's birth occurred in Ohio in 1825, and in 1835, when a lad of ten years, he came to Vermilion county. Even at that day there were many evidences of Indian occupancy in this part of the state, for the Black Hawk war had occurred only three years before, thus ending the dominion of the Indian

tribes over this state. He was a son of James Cook, who was born in Maryland or Virginia in 1797 and resided for some years in Ohio, whence he came to Illinois. He was a farmer by occupation and upon the home place his son Samuel Cook was reared. He too became a farmer, contributing in substantial measure to the development of the county along agricultural lines. He had two brothers who were soldiers of the Civil war, George W. Cook being captain in the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, while James M. Cook was a lieutenant under his brother. Both were in service from the beginning until the close of hostilities and took part in a number of important battles.

The mother of James P. Cook bore the maiden name of Melvina Graves and was born in Vermilion county in 1833, a daughter of James Graves, who also made farming his life work. Samuel Cook was married twice. By his first marriage there were born six children, of whom one died in infancy, while one daughter passed away in 1876, at the age of fifteen years, and a son died in 1909. The three still living are: James P., of this review; Mary E., who is the wife of John Wherry and has three children, two sons and a daughter; and Charles F., who married Cecelia Padgitt and has one daughter. By the second marriage Samuel Cook had two sons and a daughter. His death occurred in 1905.

In the country schools of Vermilion county James P. Cook pursued his education. His training at farm labor was not meager, and he early learned the best methods of tilling the fields and caring for the crops. As he neared his majority he wisely chose the occupation of farming as a life work and sought as a companion and helpmate for life's journey Miss Evaline O'Neil, who gave her hand in marriage on the 5th of September, 1877. Her father, Isaac O'Neil, was born in Indiana in 1818 and he, too, followed the occupation of farming. He wedded America House, who was also born in Indiana about 1818. The father was married three times. His first marriage was with America Lowe and had five children, of whom two are still living, Mrs. Ellen Padgitt and Samuel O'Neil. Mr. O'Neil's second marriage was with the mother of Mrs. Cook and they had five children: Martha, who died in childhood; Sarah J., the wife of J. P. Ellsworth, who died in 1888, leaving two children—Austin, who wedded May Lash, and Lola B., at home; Evaline, the wife of James Cook; Winfield Scott, who died in childhood; and Isaac, who died in infancy. For his third wife Mr. O'Neil wedded Mary Lanham, who is also now deceased.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cook have been born four children. Lillian Gertrude, who is now the wife of Frank Downing and the mother of two sons and a daughter—Bertel Harmon, Helen Madeline and James L.; Lena J. and Stella E., twins, and Herman A., all yet at home.

For a long period after his marriage Mr. Cook followed farming and his energy and diligence enabled him to bring his fields under a high state of cultivation and to gather large crops annually. In all of his methods he was practical as well as progressive, and his labors brought to him success, which he had justly earned. As the years passed by he made judicious investments in property and became the owner of one farm of five hundred acres, another of one hundred and three acres, a tract of sixty-six and a half acres and a smaller

tract of forty acres. He discontinued farming in 1902 and removed to Danville, where he now makes his home. Beside his farm property he has become the owner of other valuable real estate, including ten dwelling houses in Westville and three in Danville, one of which he occupies, his own home being a beautiful residence at No. 2 Gilbert street.

Mr. Cook gives his political endorsement to the democracy, which he has supported at the polls since he obtained the right of voting. He is a member of the Christian church, and his has been an upright and honorable life, gaining for him the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

JOHN F. JENKINS.

For nearly fifty years John F. Jenkins has been a resident of Vermilion county. During the entire period he has lived in Newell township and since arriving at the age of discernment he has assisted to the extent of his ability in advancing the material, mental and moral welfare of the community. Mr. Jenkins first saw the light of day on June 7, 1855, in Greene county, Ohio, his father being Richard M. and his mother Lucinda (Mullen) Jenkins. He came with his parents to Illinois in 1863, the family settling upon a farm in Vermilion county. Here the father died January 22, 1902, and the mother October 28, 1899. Richard Jenkins was the owner of a well developed farm of two hundred and eighteen acres, and he and his wife were intelligent and progressive representatives of worthy families and left many friends in Vermilion county who cherish their memory with honor and respect.

The subject of our review was educated in the district school and continued on the old homestead until he was twenty-five years of age, assisting his father and preparing to begin operations independently in his own name. In 1880 he started in Newell township upon the farm where he now lives and which embraces one hundred and thirty-five acres, all under a high degree of cultivation, with a good residence in which are to be seen the comforts and many of the luxuries of modern life. Having acquired a good education in his earlier years, Mr. Jenkins became a school teacher and taught in the district schools for ten years, during which he acquired a reputation as one of the best teachers that has been known in that part of the county. During recent years, however, he has devoted his entire attention to the farm.

On October 12, 1880, Mr. Jenkins was united in marriage to Miss Phronie R. Johnson, of Boone county, Indiana, a daughter of Joseph S. and Marilda (Kemper) Johnson, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Indiana. Mr. Johnson located at State Line in 1864, where he worked at the carpenter's trade for four years. He then located upon a farm in Newell township and in connection with its operation acted as stock-buyer for twenty years, also holding several township offices. At the end of that period he took up his residence in Hoopeston, where he handled live stock for two years, and then removed to Coles county, where he became engaged in the mercantile business. He next operated in the same line of business at Clinton, Indiana, and from

there moved to Chicago, where he was a builder, contractor and grain inspector. He finally located in North Judson, Indiana, where he now lives retired. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins: Cecil C., now Mrs. Frank Young, of Vermilion county; Charles R. S., of South Dakota; Fern L., of Vermilion county; Georgiana, Rebecca, Dannold K. and Paralee L., all of whom are living at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are affiliated with the Christian church and in their lives aim to be controlled by the teachings of the great Book, which they accept as containing the revealed word. Mr. Jenkins is highly respected in the region where he has been known all his life and where he has performed a manly part in the advancement of every worthy cause. His home is the abode of peace and hospitality and no deserving applicant for relief is turned away unassisted. By a life of sobriety, industry and activity in all worthy causes he has assisted in upholding the reputation of the county and has set an example which is plainly worthy of imitation and encouragement.

MILTON J. WOLFORD.

His ability to solve intricate business problems, his undaunted enterprise and strong determination have brought Milton J. Wolford into important relations with numerous business concerns and he is today president of the Palmer National Bank of Danville. He was born on the 6th of April, 1844, in Butler county, Pennsylvania, of which state his parents, Jacob and Lavina (Adams) Wolford, were also natives. His father was a farmer by occupation and throughout life made his home in Butler county, where both parents passed away. The son received his education in the public schools of his native county and later attended Westminster College but left that institution in his junior year. He was graduated from the Iron City Commercial College of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1864.

In the meantime, however, Mr. Wolford had entered the service of his country, enlisting in August, 1862, as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until May, 1863. In 1864 he reenlisted, becoming a member of the Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and was made orderly sergeant on the organization of his company. Subsequently he was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant and as a member of Battery A, Sixth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, participated in a number of engagements. He took part in the latter part of the battle of Antietam, the battle of Winchester and the charge of Maries Heights at Fredericksburg and later was on duty in the Cumberland valley against Mosby, helping to keep open the railroad there. He was never seriously wounded but was hit by a spent ball at Fredericksburg. At the close of his service he returned to his old home in Pennsylvania and for a year thereafter was a student in Westminster College.

It was in 1866 that Mr. Wolford came to Illinois, first locating in Arcola, Douglas county, where he taught school for a couple of terms, and was then

made cashier of the Cannon & Wyeth Bank, filling that position until the firm discontinued business. He was then with his brother-in-law, J. C. Justice, in the banking business for about two years and in October 1875, came to Danville, where for a year and a half he was employed in the Vermilion County Bank. At the end of that time he entered the service of L. T. and C. J. Palmer in their loan office. In 1880 he was elected secretary of the Danville Benefit & Building Association, in which connection he is still carrying on the insurance business in conjunction with his banking operations. In May, 1892, in association with Messrs. Palmer, he organized the Palmer National Bank with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars, C. J. Palmer being made president and Mr. Wolford its first cashier, in which capacity he served until 1902, when he was elected president of the bank and has since filled that position. The bank is now capitalized at one hundred and sixty thousand dollars and is regarded as one of the safest financial institutions in this part of the state. They are now erecting a fine bank building at a cost of fifty thousand dollars, which will be complete in all its appointments and especially adapted for the business carried on. In addition to his other interests Mr. Wolford has served as secretary and treasurer of the Danville Opera House Company for several years and is a director of the Vermilion County Abstract Company and a trustee of Lakeside hospital. His connection with any undertaking ensures a prosperous outcome of the same, for it is his nature to successfully accomplish any task to which he sets himself.

In 1873, Mr. Wolford was united in marriage to Miss Maude S. Blackwell of Arcola, Illinois, and unto them have been born one son and three daughters, all of whom are still living, namely: Ann S., now the widow of O. L. Ridgely; Maude B., the wife of Charles F. Shane; and Sarah W. and Harold E., who are students at the Madison (Wis.) University. The family hold membership in the Presbyterian church and Mr. Wolford is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has never taken a very active or prominent part in public affairs, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his commercial and banking interests and has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business, being known in his dealings for his prompt and honorable methods which have won him the deserved confidence of his fellowmen.

FRANK BREWER.

Starting out in the business world for himself at the early age of sixteen years, the success which now belongs to Frank Brewer, proprietor of an extensive furniture and undertaking establishment in Catlin, is an indication of the unfaltering industry and perseverance which he has manifested since that time and is the logical result of well directed efforts and of earnest labor on his part. One of Illinois' native sons, his birth occurred in Douglas county, December 3, 1866, and he is a son of David and Caroline (Lynch) Brewer, natives of Ohio and West Virginia respectively. They were married in Vermilion

county, Illinois, to which county David Brewer had come in 1829 when but a year old, his parents taking up their abode near Danville. A log cabin was the home of Mr. Brewer for a number of years. He passed away in Iroquois county in February, 1895, while his wife's death occurred on the 21st of November, 1877. In their family were ten children but only four are now living, namely: M. L., of Champaign county; I. P. and R. H., of the same place; and Frank, of this review.

Frank Brewer received his education in the common schools, and on the home farm was reared to the age of sixteen years, when, desiring to enter business on his own account, he engaged as a farm hand, continuing as such for four years. He then rented a tract of land, which he operated for a number of years, and that his early training on the home farm had been most thorough and comprehensive, inculcating into his mind lessons concerning the value of energy, economy and self-reliance, is indicated by the substantial results which attended his efforts as an independent farmer. He continued to follow agricultural pursuits in the capacity of renter until 1902, when, seeking the business opportunities offered by city life, he removed to Homer, and with the capital which he had been able to accumulate from his agricultural venture, he established a furniture and undertaking business, in which he continued for three years. At the end of that period he came to Catlin and here entered the same business, in which he has remained to the present time. With characteristic energy he at once applied himself to building up a good trade, and the success that attended his efforts is manifest in the extensive and constantly increasing patronage which is now accorded him. With ready discernment and keen insight into business he has so conducted his enterprise from the beginning that its growth has been both steady and healthy, at last reaching gratifying proportions, which rank it among the large and important enterprises of the city. The store handles a well selected and up-to-date stock, and the business policy of Mr. Brewer has ever been such as to inspire the trust and confidence of the public. In addition to his business he owns a fine brick store building and an attractive residence, and he is recognized as one of the substantial and influential business men of Catlin.

In 1891 Mr. Brewer was united in marriage to Miss Catherine V. Wise, who was born in Ohio in 1869. She was one of five children whose parents were William T. and Phoebe F. (Kinzey) Wise, the former deceased and the latter now making her home in Philo, Illinois. Mrs. Brewer was a graduate of the common schools and also the high school at Champaign and for several years prior to her marriage was a successful teacher in the common schools. She has since become the mother of one son, Donald W., who was born May 29, 1894, and is now a student in the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which they are active and helpful workers, and he is widely and prominently known in fraternal circles here, being identified with the Catlin Lodge, No. 285, A. F. & A. M.; with Catlin Lodge, No. 538, I. O. O. F.; and with the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 635, K. P., all of Catlin. In the first named order he has filled all of the chairs, and his life has ever exemplified the teachings of these various organizations. Interested as all American citizens should be in

the political situation of the country, he has thoroughly informed himself concerning the questions and issues of the day and gives stalwart support to the republican party although he has no desire for preferment along political lines. Much credit is due Mr. Brewer for he started out in life as a farm hand when sixteen years of age, and with the passing years, by constant exertion associated with good judgment, has gained a place among the substantial merchants and valued citizens of Catlin, commanding the respect and confidence of all with whom he has private or business relations.

JOHN A. CATHCART.

John A. Cathcart, cashier of the First National Bank of Sidell, was born in Natrona, Macon county, Illinois, March 31, 1876, and although a young man has gained for himself a creditable position in the financial circles of Vermilion county. His judgment and even-paced energy have carried him forward to the goal of success, his life being characterized by an orderly progression.

His parents were John Marshall and Sarah J. (Alexander) Cathcart, both of whom were natives of county Tyrone, Ireland, whence they came to the United States in young manhood and young womanhood. They became residents of Logan county, Illinois, where they were afterward married and subsequently they took up their abode upon a farm in Mason county, Illinois, where they resided for a number of years. Later they made their home in Nebraska for about four years and on the expiration of that period returned to Champaign county, Illinois, where John M. Cathcart conducted a lumber and grain business in the town of Broadlands for about five years. He then came to Sidell, where he engaged in the lumber and grain business, acquiring a comfortable fortune through the careful conduct and capable management of his interests. Making judicious investments in property, he owned extensive farm lands in Sidell township at the time of his death. About ten years prior to his demise he retired from active business life, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He died in Pensacola, Florida, where he was sojourning for the benefit of his health, passing away on the 21st of February, 1910. His widow is still a resident of Sidell, where she has a large circle of warm friends.

No event of special importance occurred during the youthful days of our subject to vary the routine of his life. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges, and his business training was received under the direction of his father, with whom he became identified in the lumber and grain trade. As his years and knowledge increased his responsibilities were enlarged and he came to assume more and more of the management of his father's business, with which he was associated until 1898, when he entered the First National Bank of Sidell as a bookkeeper. About five years later he was made assistant cashier of the institution and occupied that position for five years when, in 1908,

he was chosen cashier of the bank, in which capacity he is now serving, proving an efficient officer popular with the patrons of the bank.

On the 28th of June, 1899, Mr. Cathcart was married to Miss Mabel Wright of Sidell, a daughter of Silas Wright, a prominent farmer of Sidell township, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cathcart have but one child, Josephine. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Cathcart is serving on its board of trustees. In the work of the church they are actively and helpfully interested, doing all in their power to promote its growth and extend its influence. Mr. Cathcart votes with the republican party and his fraternal relations are with Sidell Lodge, No. 798, A. F. & A. M.; Homer Lodge, R. A. M., of Homer, Illinois; Oriental Consistory, A. & A. S. R. of Chicago; and Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., also of Chicago. He likewise belongs to the Modern Woodmen Camp of Sidell and is in sympathy with the basic principles and purposes of these orders which recognize the brotherhood of mankind and the obligations of the individual to his fellowmen.

THEODORE E. ANDERSON.

For twenty-two years Theodore E. Anderson has now been identified with the business interests of Danville and is today most capably serving as secretary and superintendent of the Spring Hill Cemetery Association. A native of Illinois, he was born in Coles county, on the 8th of November, 1862, and on the paternal side is of Scotch-Irish descent, the family being founded in Pennsylvania at an early day, from that state its representatives removed to Indiana. His parents were John Wesley and Lucretia (Day) Anderson, both natives of Terre Haute, Indiana. The father, who was a stationary engineer by occupation, died November 27, 1883, but the mother is still living.

Theodore E. Anderson attended the public schools of Terre Haute and of other places but at the early age of fourteen years he left school and began earning his own livelihood. The family being in rather limited circumstances necessitated his seeking employment at that time. For a period of five years he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, working at farming and gardening near his home, but at the end of that time found employment with the Terre Haute Car Company, where he served an apprenticeship as a machinist and finally became an expert wheelman. In 1888 he came to Danville, Illinois, and for twenty years was with the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad as foreman of their wheel department at this place. On the 21st of June, 1894, he became associated with the Spring Hill Cemetery Association and was elected superintendent and secretary of the company, which position he is still filling to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

On the 7th of November, 1883, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Mollie E. Stalcup, a native of Indiana, who died November 29, 1893. They became the parents of three children, namely: Walter, who died September 8, 1903; Charles, who died July 5, 1886; and Lillie May, who was born February 1, 1890. Mr. Anderson was again married in Danville, August 5, 1896, his second



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union being with Miss Marietta M. Borland, a native of Danville, who successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of this city for several years. She is a daughter of George W. and Mary J. Borland, both now deceased, who were old residents of Vermilion county. The father was a merchant tailor throughout his active business life. By his second marriage Mr. Anderson has two children: Elizabeth Viola, born February 14, 1903; and John Wesley, born April 21, 1906.

Mr. Anderson has taken high rank in Masonry, having attained to the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Tribe of Ben Hur and the Knights of Pythias and has filled all of the chairs in the last named organization. Religiously he holds membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church of Danville. By his ballot he supports the men and measure of the republican party and has taken quite an active and influential part in local politics and for one term served as a member of the city council from his ward. He is also president of the board of education of the Roselawn school district. He is an enterprising and progressive citizen, who takes a commendable interest in public affairs, and during his residence in Danville has made a host of warm friends.

MILTON M. McNEILL.

The history of Danville's business enterprise would be incomplete without mention of Milton M. McNeill, a dealer in hard wood lumber. Honored and respected by all, no man occupies a more enviable position in commercial circles not alone by reason of the success he has achieved but also owing to his straightforward business policy and his ready recognition of opportunity. He was born in Perrysville, Indiana, on the 24th of December, 1845, a son of George H. and Rebecca K. (Beers) McNeill, who were natives of Maryland and Ohio respectively. The father early learned surveying, which he followed for many years, but at a later day turned his attention to merchantile pursuits, opening a drug store in Perrysville, Indiana, which he conducted with success until his death. He passed away September 9, 1892, and the community mourned the loss of one who had long been honored as a representative and valued citizen. He was a well read man, whose opinions were sound and his judgment keen, and he had moreover those qualities which make for personal popularity. At his death he was succeeded in business by his wife and son, W. K. McNeill, who was proprietor of a business that has been carried on by the family for over sixty-five years, but was sold in 1907.

At the usual age Milton McNeill entered the public schools of his native city and in due course of time continued his education in the Asbury (now De Pauw) University at Greencastle, Indiana, where he was a student for two years. It was his intention to become a druggist and to this end he made a special study of pharmacy and chemistry. When his course was completed he began business along that line in his father's store at Perrysville, but on his

removal to Danville, Illinois, in 1880, he turned his attention to the lumber trade and has since made a specialty of house furnishing and cabinet lumber, such as walnut, ash, etc., handling hard woods exclusively. From the beginning of his residence in Danville he has enjoyed a good trade, his business methods being thoroughly reliable while his business policy is such as never seeks nor requires disguise.

Mr. McNeill was united in marriage to Miss Ruhamah R. Bell, a daughter of William M. Bell, of Perrysville, Indiana, who was one of the leading merchants of the Wabash valley. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McNeill were born the following named: Marie L., the wife of James R. Martin, of Attica, Indiana, who is engaged in the lumber and grain business; Rebecca B., who married Frank Hannum and makes her home with her parents; George, engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Danville; Ruhamah R., the wife of Frank D. Bushnell, of Danville; Helen M., now Mrs. Headley, of Danville; and Nadine, at home. The wife and mother passed away September 21, 1905. Among the attractive homes of Danville the McNeill residence is numbered. It is situated on North Walnut street and is the abode of a generous and kindly hospitality which is greatly enjoyed by the many friends of the family.

In his political views Mr. McNeill is an earnest republican and has always kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day, so that he is able to support his position by intelligent argument. He belongs to both the subordinate lodge and the encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has filled all of the chairs in both organizations. He is likewise a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church and was treasurer of the Kimber Methodist church at the time of its erection, serving on the building committee. His long residence in Danville has made him widely known and his many sterling traits of character have gained for him the high regard which is uniformly tendered him. He is a public-spirited citizen, who seeks the benefit of the community along the lines of progress, reform and improvement, and his cooperation can always be counted upon to further any movement for the general good.

CHARLES TROUP.

Charles Troup, engaged in the practice of law in Danville, where he is again and again giving proof of his ability by the careful and systematic manner in which he conducts his cases and marshals the points in evidence, was born in Edgar county, Illinois, on the 6th of January, 1879. His parents were Palestine and Amanda (Neely) Troup. The father was a native of Lawrence county, Kentucky, who came to Illinois in 1856 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Young Troup. Palestine Troup was reared to the occupation of farming and has made that pursuit his life work. He was a soldier of the Civil war, serving with the Fortieth Indiana Infantry for eighteen months, or until the close of hostilities, when he returned home with a creditable military record. He then again took up the occupation of farming which he has followed with success.



RESIDENCE OF THEODORE E. ANDERSON

Charles Troup spent his boyhood days under the parental roof and early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. In the attainment of his education he attended the public schools near his father's home, and also the high school in Paris, Illinois. He afterward took up the study of law in Paris and later went to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he entered the State University, there pursuing a special course. He was admitted to the bar December 22, 1903, and at once began practice. He located in Danville on the 1st of May, 1904, and followed his profession independently until 1905, when he became associated with the firm of Buckingham & Dysert, with whom he continued until March, 1906, when the firm of Buckingham & Troup was formed. This association was maintained until 1908, when Mr. Buckingham removed to Chicago, and since that time Mr. Troup has been alone. He has conducted his cases with masterly skill and has won many verdicts favorable to the interests of his clients. He is careful in the preparation of his cases and in his presentation of his cause never loses sight of the salient points upon which the decision finally turns. His arguments are strong and he is clear in expression, while in the application of legal principles he is seldom, if ever, at fault.

On the 25th of December, 1906, Mr. Troup was united in marriage at Homer, Illinois, to Miss Mary A. Helm, of that place, a daughter of George and Alice (Babb) Helm. They are well known socially in Danville where they have many friends and their home is a most hospitable one. Mr. Troup belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a republican in his political views and his position upon any vital question is never an equivocal one. He does not seek nor desire public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and in the profession which he has chosen as his life work he is making steady progress.

GODFREY BURKHART.

Godfrey Burkhardt, who has been identified with Vermilion county since 1876 and has been actively engaged in farming since he was sixteen years of age, was born in Oberhausen, Germany, April 26, 1850, and is a son of John George and Mary Agnes (Strobble) Burkhardt, also natives of Oberhausen. In 1854 the father left his wife and children at home and came to the United States with the hope of establishing his family in this country under more favorable auspices than could be expected in the fatherland. He was a carpenter by trade but, after landing in New York, his meager funds soon became exhausted in a vain attempt to secure employment and he started to walk through the country. He arrived in Cleveland, Ohio, in the dead of winter among strangers and unable to speak a word of the English language. However, he succeeded in finding a brother-in-law near Cleveland, who was also a carpenter and who assisted in securing for him employment. After working for a year in the city he continued for another year upon a farm and, still being disappointed in securing funds necessary to send for his family, started once more

upon a journey through the country and came to Concord, now Danvers, McLean county, Illinois, where he found a German settlement and a welcome greeting. Fortune began to smile upon him and in 1856 he sent for his wife and children, who started in an old sailing vessel called the St. Joseph, a three-masted schooner, from the port of Havre, France, bound for New York. The vessel was upon the water for thirty-seven days and after landing at New York the little party proceeded to Chicago, where they were obliged to remain for three weeks before they were found by the father. Mr. Burkhart lived for eight years near Danvers, Illinois, and then bought eighty acres of swamp land three miles north and east of Danvers, where he took up his residence for a time. He finally settled in Danvers, where his death occurred in 1907. The mother departed this life two days before her husband, and they were buried side by side on the same day. Nine children were born to them: John, now a retired farmer living at Logansport, Indiana; Lizzie, now Mrs. Gottlieb Rommel, of Chetopa, Kansas; Godfrey, the subject of this review; Mary, now deceased; Christian, a farmer of Hull, Illinois; Lena, the wife of Otto Doenitz, of Holder, Illinois; Fred, deceased; Katie, now Mrs. August Rahn, of Florence, Kansas; and Lucy, the wife of Charles Kaufman, a farmer of Bloomington, Illinois.

At the age of sixteen Godfrey Burkhart began his active career on the home farm and when twenty-seven years old started upon his own account and came to Vermilion county, where he bought land in Butler township, near Rankin. This land he developed from its wild state, going back and forth from his father's house until 1877, when he came to Vermilion county to remain permanently. He began to farm with one team and a plow and did not at that time own a wagon. For seven years he lived in a rudely built house of two rooms but at the end of that time he bought eighty acres of land six miles south of his first location and moved to his new farm, which he proceeded energetically to develop. At the end of seven years he sold this farm and bought eighty acres adjoining his former home. After four years, during which his energy never flagged, he sold his farm of one hundred and sixty acres and bought the B. D. Wise farm in Middlefork township, where he lived until 1905, since which time he has resided in Potomac. As the result of persistent economy in early years, well directed labor and successful operations in farming pursuits, Mr. Burkhart is now the owner of a highly improved farm of two hundred and seventy-two acres in Middlefork township and a farm of one hundred and twenty-one and a half acres in Whitley county, Indiana.

In 1877 Mr. Burkhart was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Rahn, who was born near Sheboygan, Wisconsin, October 7, 1858, and is a daughter of Christopher and Elenora (Hoegrain) Rahn. Her father was a native of Prussia and her mother of Hanover, Germany. Mrs. Rahn departed this life in 1902, but Mr. Rahn is now living in Fort Collins, Colorado. Six children were born to them: Anna M., mention of whom is made herein; Minnie, now Mrs. Gahart Mathiesen, of Fort Collins, Colorado; August, of Florence, Kansas; Sophia, now Mrs. Emiel Doering, of the island of Cuba; Amelia, deceased; and Charles, a farmer of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Burkhart: Edward F., who is now engaged in the hardware business at Bismarck, Illinois; Amelia, the wife of Elmer Lance, of Columbus City,

Indiana; Henry, living upon the home place; and Agnes Marie, the wife of Ernest Blackfort, living on the farm of Mr. Burkhart near Armstrong, Illinois.

In political faith Mr. Burkhart has for the past sixteen years adhered to the republican party although previously he voted the democratic ticket. He has served as school director and, while he is not a member of any church, he is in hearty sympathy with all efforts that tend to ameliorate the ills of humanity and to improve the race physically, mentally or morally. In his life he has displayed the characteristics of industry and persistence, which are such prominent traits in the Teutonic race and have made it one of the most powerful agencies in the promotion of civilization to be met with in the world. He is a man of sturdy characteristics and in all his dealings has been governed by a sense of justice that marks the upright citizen. No man is more highly respected by those who know him than the subject of this review.

J. H. YOUNG.

The Civil war was a dreadful ordeal for young men and many returned home at its close without having learned those lessons of self-denial, application and persistence which are so necessary in the attainment of permanent success in the great battle of life. The war, however, developed in many brave soldiers the qualities here named and thousands of stout-hearted men who wore the blue and the gray have demonstrated in the field of business those qualities which always command respect and lead to ultimate recognition. Among this number may be named J. H. Young, a business man of Oakwood, who for nearly forty years has been identified with the interests of Vermilion county and is today one of its most honored citizens.

He was born in Fountain county, Indiana, February 18, 1844, and is a son of Thomas H. and Eliza (Moffatt) Young, both natives of Kentucky. The father removed to Indiana in the '20s and entered land there which he improved by building a house and various other improvements of logs. There he lived until his death. Two children were born to the parents, the subject of this review being the only survivor.

J. H. Young received such education as the early schools of the neighborhood afforded and continued upon the home farm until 1862, when he enlisted in the Civil war as a member of the Seventy-second Regiment of Indiana. He saw some hard fighting and among the battles in which he engaged was Stone River and the great battle of Chickamauga, in the latter of which his left leg and left arm were both broken in two places. On account of his severe injuries he was mustered out of service at Franklin, Tennessee, and as soon as he was able to do so he returned home. He began his business career as a clerk in a drug store, but in 1869, being then twenty-five years of age, he came to Vermilion county and located on a farm in Newell township, where he lived for two years. The next three years he spent on a farm in Nebraska, but in 1874 he returned to Vermilion county and resumed farming. In 1876 he took up his residence in Danville, becoming a clerk in a drug store conducted by E. E.

Boudinot. Here he showed such ability that in 1880 he was admitted to a partnership with Mr. Boudinot and they started a general store, of which he became the sole owner ten years later. The store and its contents were destroyed by fire in 1897 and, unfortunately for the owner, there was very little insurance upon the property. However, he soon embarked in the drug business and is now the owner of a fine store and building besides a handsome residence which occupies two lots.

In 1868 Mr. Young was united in marriage to Miss Sarah L. Lockhart, who was born in Vermilion county and is a daughter of Joseph and Louisa (Chandler) Lockhart. Her parents were both natives of Kentucky and came to this county in 1827, being among its early settlers. She is one of a family of five children now living. To Mr. and Mrs. Young five children were born: Nellie, who was born December 28, 1868, and died September 15, 1895; John H., who was born in 1869 and died nine months later; Myrta A., now Mrs. R. F. Pinegar, of Oakwood; Charles C., serving as postmaster of Oakwood; and Vera L., at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Young are identified with the Disciples of Christ and are willing assistants in forwarding all good causes. He is an upholder of the principles of the republican party and is at present assistant postmaster of Oakwood. He is a member of Kenesaw Post, G. A. R., and, having himself stood on the firing line, he fully appreciates the tales of adventure and suffering which he hears from his old comrades at their gatherings. His life has been one of many vicissitudes, but his faith in ultimate triumph has never wavered, and as he was a soldier "good and true," so he has conducted himself in his various duties as a private citizen.

FRANK L. STEWART.

Frank L. Stewart, who is engaged in dealing in ice in Rossville and also has farming interests in Vermilion county, was born in Logan, Ohio, January 31, 1857, and is a son of James McLoughlin and Rebecca L. (Smith) Stewart. The mother, who was born in 1819, died on the 16th of June, 1857, while the father was born April 5, 1824, in Logan county, Ohio, and died in 1907. The founder of the Stewart family in this country came from Ireland and was one of the early colonists of the new world. Unto James M. and Rebecca L. Stewart there were born six children: Willis; Mary, deceased; Charles; twins who died in infancy; and Frank L., who is the youngest child of that marriage. After losing his first wife the father married Miss Nancy Hannah, of Knoxville, Tennessee, and their children were: Edna; Lucy, deceased; Jesse; and Dessie.

Being only a few months old at the time of his mother's death, Frank L. Stewart was taken by his aunt and uncle, Miss Martha Jane and G. W. Smith, who have always stood to him in the relation of parents. Leaving Ohio, they removed to Tolono, Illinois, when the subject of this review was about two years of age and there established their home, living in that locality until 1883, when they came to Vermilion county, settling in Grant township. G. W. Smith

then secured land in that locality and has continued to make his home there, being closely, actively and honorably identified with agricultural pursuits.

Frank L. Stewart acquired his education in the schools of Tolono while spending his youthful days in the home of his aunt and uncle. He was trained to the work of the farm which claimed his attention for six years after his school days were over. At the end of that time he removed to Rossville, taking up his abode in this town on the 1st of August, 1889. Thinking to find commercial pursuits more congenial and profitable than the work of the fields, he turned his attention to general merchandising and was associated in that business with a partner for about three years. He afterward resumed farming and also engaged in the ice business, in which he actively continues. He has secured many patrons in that locality, making the business a profitable one, his trade constantly increasing in volume and importance as the years have gone by. He also has farming interests, being engaged in the cultivation of six hundred and forty acres of land situated in Grant township.

On the 14th of November, 1889, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Bell C. Smith and they have three children: Martha, who is a graduate of Lake Forest Academy at Lake Forrest, Illinois; Horace, who is still in school; and Grace, who is a pupil in the high school of Rossville.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Stewart and his wife are active and earnest members. He was chairman of the board of trustees, also of the building committee of the church, has served on the building committee of the Masonic lodge and on the building committee of the new high school. He was a member of the school board for nine years, and is deeply interested in all that pertains to the intellectual and moral progress of the community. He is also prominent in Masonry, in which he has taken the degrees of the lodge and chapter. He belongs to the Tribe of Ben Hur and has filled all of the offices in the local lodge of Knights of Pythias, which he has likewise represented in the state conventions. For the past twelve years he has been its minister of finance, and at all times he is loyal to the teachings and to the purposes of these orders. His life has been one of continuous activity in which has come due recognition of labor. Progress and patriotism might well be termed the keynote of his character for these qualities have been potent forces in his life throughout the period of his manhood and have gained him a place with the leading and representative citizens of his adopted county.

J. B. HUNDLEY, M. D.

Recognizing fully the possibilities for attainment, Dr. J. B. Hundley in all of his professional service has been actuated by laudable ambition to reach a high place in his profession not only that his services shall be remunerative but that they shall be of signal benefit to his fellowmen. He has already attained success and is recognized as one of the leading physicians of Danville. He was born in Owensboro, Kentucky, on the 9th of May, 1880, his parents being T. W. and Alice (Calhoun) Hundley, also natives of Kentucky, where the family was

established at an early day. On the paternal side it is of Irish origin and on the maternal of English descent. Throughout his active business life the father has followed farming but is now living retired in Owensboro.

Dr. Hundley acquired his primary education in a female college at Owensboro and later pursued his studies in the public schools of that city. Deciding to enter the medical profession, he became a student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1904. In the fall of the same year he opened an office in Danville and has since engaged in general practice in this city, meeting with marked success. He is a member of the county, state and national medical societies and stands high in the esteem of his professional brethren.

On the 24th of May, 1910, Dr. Hundley was married in Terre Haute, Indiana, to Miss Elenore Allison, a native of Illinois.

J. H. DAVIS.

J. H. Davis, whose business enterprise and initiative spirit are manifest in the excellent results which he achieves, is now well known as the president of the Vermilion County Telephone Company. He has a wide acquaintance in this county where his entire life has been passed. His birth occurred at Ridge Farm on the 19th of March, 1867. His father, Rufus H. Davis, was a native of North Carolina and the year 1853 witnessed his arrival in Illinois, after which he engaged in teaching school. He later carried on farming and also became a successful merchant but is now living retired, making his home at Knightstown, Indiana. He was very active in the affairs of the county, contributing to many measures of public benefit to the community and serving on the county board as township supervisor and in other local offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity. In his political views he is an earnest republican, and his religious faith is manifest in his membership with the Society of Friends. In early manhood he married Lydia Hornada, a native of Xenia, Ohio, who died in 1883.

J. H. Davis pursued his early education in the schools of Ridge Farm and afterward attended Earlham College of Indiana. He was reared to the occupation of farming and after attaining his majority devoted his time and attention to general agricultural pursuits for a number of years but in 1897 became interested in the telephone business and has since given his attention to its development. In that year he became one of the organizers of the South Vermilion Telephone Company and in 1900 came to Danville and organized the Vermilion County Telephone Company, of which he became the president and general manager. The other organizers associated with Mr. Davis in this enterprise were C. W. Hayworth, William Henderson, John Fletcher and William F. Banta. In 1905 they bought out the Central Union Telephone Company of Danville and consolidated the two interests. Among the directors of the company are George Hughes of Hume, Illinois; H. F. Hill and John Uprichard, of Indianapolis, Indiana; and C. H. Rottger, of Springfield, Illinois.



J. H. DAVIS

Mr. Davis is interested in everything that bears upon the subject of telephony and is constantly studying how to improve the system and the service which he gives to the public. In this connection he has built up a large and growing business, the number of subscribers constantly increasing.

In 1885 Mr. Davis was united in marriage at Ridge Farm to Miss Lillie A. Amkrum, a native of that place and a daughter of G. W. and Sarah (Canada) Amkrum. In his boyhood days her father became a resident of Elwood township, arriving here with his father, David Amkrum, who was one of the early settlers of the township, so that the family has been identified with the development and progress of the county from pioneer days. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have two children, William H. and Frederick A.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Davis is a Mason, belonging to Ridge Farm Lodge, No. 632, A. F. & A. M.; Vermilion Chapter, No. 82, R. A. M.; and Athelstan Commandery, No. 45, K. T., all of Danville; Oriental Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Chicago. His political allegiance is a factor in the support of the republican party and his loyalty thereto is never called into question for he is a firm believer in the efficacy of the party principles as factors in good government. He is recognized as a business man of marked energy and of laudable ambition, who seldom fails to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

GEORGE F. REARICK.

George F. Rearick, who is successfully engaged in the practice of law in Danville, was born on the 31st of March, 1863, in Beardstown, Illinois, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kuhl) Rearick, the latter also a native of Beardstown. The father, however, was born in Germany and came to this country during boyhood. Later in life he was engaged in business as a hardware merchant at Beardstown for many years and became one of the prominent and influential citizens of that section of the state, serving as county judge of Cass county for one term. Both parents are now deceased.

Reared in the city of his nativity George F. Rearick attended the public and high school there and for years was a student at Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. He began his business career by learning the tinner's trade at which he worked for some years, but desiring to enter upon a professional career, he began the study of law in 1885 at Danville under the direction of Hon. William J. Calhoun, now minister to China. In 1888 he was admitted to the bar and after practicing alone for about a year was made assistant state's attorney under Hiram P. Blackburn, holding that position for four years. In 1893 he was elected city attorney and so acceptably did he fill that position that he was reelected, serving in all six years. He then became a member of the firm of Winter & Rearick, which connection continued several years, and he has since been in partnership with James A. Meeks under the firm style of Rearick & Meeks. He is well versed in the various departments of the law, is thoroughly devoted to the interests of his clients, and his conscientious

and careful preparation of his cases and their clear presentation in the courts are strong elements in what is termed a successful legal career.

On the 27th of September, 1893, Mr. Rearick was married to Miss Grace Haggard of Danville and they have become the parents of five children, namely: Walter, Elizabeth, Francis, Edward and Harold. They hold membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church of Danville and Mr. Rearick is also connected with the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a director of the Vermilion County Abstract Company and a member of the public library board. He is now at the head of a large and constantly increasing practice and his success is the merited reward of his own labor.

CAPTAIN ROBERT C. LANE.

Captain Robert C. Lane, now carrying on business as a retail hardware dealer at No. 826 North Vermilion street, was born August 15, 1841, near Cincinnati, in Hamilton county, Ohio, and is a representative of one of the pioneer families of that city. His father, Abraham C. Lane, was also a native of Hamilton county and on leaving Ohio removed to Indiana, his death occurring in White county of the latter state on the 8th of August, 1908, when he had reached the very advanced age of ninety-one years. He married Miss Eliza R. Wooley, who died in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, February 15, 1857. She was an aunt of Hon. John G. Woolley, the temperance lecturer who was the presidential candidate on the prohibition ticket in 1904. To Abraham C. and Eliza R. (Wooley) Lane were born three children: Augustus W.; Emma B., now the wife of Bernard G. Smith, a banker of Monticello, Indiana; and Robert C., of this review.

The last named obtained his primary education in the district schools of Butler county, Ohio, and he supplemented the knowledge there acquired by a course at Stockwell Collegiate Institute in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, leaving school at the age of twenty years. The Civil war having broken out, he decided to enter the service, a company being formed at the school which he was attending, and on the 7th of September, 1861, he was mustered in for three years' service. Although he enlisted as a private he rose to the rank of captain of Company H, Fortieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. In the fall of 1862 he was promoted to sergeant major, in which capacity he served until December 14, 1864, when he was made first lieutenant of his company, and on the 14th of June, 1865, was commissioned captain. He served as post commissary and brigade inspector and participated in many notable engagements, never missing a battle or a skirmish in which his command took part. He followed the regiment all through Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. He was never ill for a single day, was never wounded nor taken prisoner and at the close of the war was honorably discharged in January, 1866, and mustered out at Indianapolis, Indiana. He took part in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Kenesaw Mountain, Peachtree Creek, Atlanta, Franklin and Nashville, the last named being the last battle

fought in the west. On receiving his discharge he returned home with a war record of which he may be justly proud.

On resuming the duties of civil life Captain Lane served for one year as deputy county clerk in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, but in 1868 removed to Paris, Illinois, where he accepted a position in the general store of an uncle, with whom he remained for three years. In 1871 he embarked in business on his own account as a hardware dealer and was thus employed for a number of years, or until 1888, which year witnessed his removal to Bloomington, Illinois. At that place he accepted a position with the firm of D. B. Harwood, wholesale and retail hardware merchants, and on coming to Danville in 1891 was connected with the Yeomans & Shedd Hardware Company as a traveling representative for almost twenty years. In April, 1910, he opened his present store at No. 826 North Vermilion street and has already built up a good trade. He carries a large and complete line of shelf and heavy hardware and his fair and honorable dealing has commended him to the confidence of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

Captain Lane was married in Paris, Illinois, October 20, 1870, to Miss Frances A. Nelson, a native of Indiana, and they have become the parents of four children, namely, Willard C., Marie, Robert N. and Anna, all born in Paris. The second son is now a physician, engaged in practice at Gibson City, Illinois.

Captain Lane gives his political allegiance to the republican party and its principles and, although he takes an active interest in public affairs, has never sought or desired official preferment. He is an honored member of Kenesaw Post, G. A. R., and also belongs to the Masonic Lodge, No. 268, in Paris. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian and is a man whose many sterling characteristics have gained him a host of warm friends wherever known.

DANIEL C. JONES, M. D.

In the history of the medical profession in Danville it is imperative that mention be made of Dr. Daniel C. Jones, because of his prominence and his ability. Since 1899 he has been surgeon for the Danville branch of the home for disabled soldiers, and in this connection has done excellent work. He was born in Athens county, Ohio, on the 5th of January, 1838, and has therefore passed the seventy-second milestone on life's journey. His father, Ephraim B. Jones, was born in Virginia and remained a resident of the Old Dominion until about thirty years of age, when he removed to Ohio, where he engaged in farming. In 1850 he came to Illinois, settling in Douglas county and his last days were spent in Paris, where he died in 1876. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Martha Clark, was a native of Virginia and died in 1873.

Daniel C. Jones was educated in the public schools of Ohio and of Illinois and in the academy at Paris. He thus laid a good foundation upon which to build the superstructure of professional learning and after leaving the academy took up the study of medicine in 1858 and was graduated from Rush Medical College

of Chicago with the class of 1862. He has always been a close and discriminating student of his profession and in 1866 he completed further college training by graduation from the Ohio Medical College. Throughout his life he has closely investigated the questions bearing upon the complex mystery which we call life and has eagerly embraced every opportunity for promoting his skill and ability that his labors might be an effective element in restoring health and checking the ravages of disease.

In 1861 Dr. Jones responded to the country's call for aid and served as army surgeon of the Second Illinois Cavalry from the opening year of the war until 1866. He afterward practiced medicine in Paris for two years and in 1868 removed to Junction City, Kansas. In 1875 he became a resident of Topeka, Kansas, where he continued in active and successful practice until 1893, when he was appointed surgeon of the western branch of the home for disabled soldiers, located at Leavenworth, Kansas. There he remained for six years, when in 1899 he came to Danville as surgeon of the Danville branch and for eleven years has occupied this position for which his ability well qualifies him.

On the 18th of January, 1864, Dr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Jane E. Austin, a native of New York. They have two daughters: Martha C., who was born in Paris, Illinois; and Adela A., who was born in Kansas. The latter is now the wife of W. F. Hixon.

Dr. Jones has not only manifested great professional efficiency and ability, but has also rendered faithful public service in various connections. He was surgeon general of Kansas and a member of the state board of health there. While living in Topeka he served as mayor for one term, but resigned the position in order to accept his appointment at Leavenworth. His official prerogatives have ever been exercised for the benefit of his fellowmen in the communities where he has lived and over the record of his public career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicions of evil. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for a considerable period, taking the degrees of the lodge and the chapter at Topeka, Kansas. He also belongs to the commandery at Paris, Illinois, and is an exemplary representative of the teachings of the fraternity. Those who meet him in social and business or professional relations find him a genial, courteous gentleman, whose life conforms to a high standard of upright manhood. He is ably filling the position to which he has been called and his ready sympathy and cheery words make him a favorite with the patients under his care.

HANNIBAL H. KIDD.

No history of Catlin would be complete without mention of Hannibal H. Kidd, who, in connection with his son, is now conducting the most extensive and important real-estate and insurance business in the city, and who has also for a number of years been one of the most prominent and influential figures in the public life of the community. Born near Georgetown, Illinois, on the 27th of October, 1860, he is a son of Willis N. and Nancy (Parks) Kidd, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Indiana. The father came with

his parents to Vermilion county, Illinois, in 1829, their home being established on a tract of land entered from the government by him, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres four miles northwest of Georgetown. A log cabin was built in which the family lived for a number of years, and there Willis N. Kidd reared his family among pioneer conditions and hardships. It was in this county that he was married to Miss Nancy Parks, and here their remaining days were spent, Mr. Kidd passing away in 1875, having survived his wife for more than a decade, her death occurring in 1864. Of their family of ten children but five are still living.

The early educational advantages enjoyed by Hannibal H. Kidd were those offered by the common schools near his father's home, in which he mastered all the elementary branches of learning, and he also attended college at Valparaiso, Indiana, one semester of three months. But he is largely, however, a self-educated man, gaining through extensive outside reading and study a general knowledge far exceeding that covered by the usual public school curriculum. Upon attaining his majority he taught school during the winter months, proving a most capable and satisfactory instructor, and during the summer months operated a tract of forty acres of the old homestead which he had purchased. He continued in this dual occupation for about seven years, when he sold his property and in 1891 came to Catlin, where he was appointed to the position of principal of the school. He filled that office for several years, his identification with the educational interests of the community being a source of benefit, for he ever performed his professional service with a sense of conscientious obligation, realizing how important is the training of the young as a preparation for life's work. In the meantime, in 1901, he became identified with the real-estate and insurance business, to which he later gave his entire attention, and now, in connection with his son, is conducting the largest and most important enterprise of this character in the county, handling many large realty transfers and writing much important insurance.

On the 22d of October, 1884, Mr. Kidd was united in marriage to Miss Mattie I. Hartley, who was born on a farm in Catlin township on the 4th of July, 1865, and is a daughter of A. A. and Elizabeth (McMillan) Hartley, natives of Vermilion county. The father passed away in January, 1910, and the mother still survives, making her home in Catlin, while of the eight children born unto them three have passed away. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kidd have been born four children, as follows: St. Elmo E., who is now married and resides in Catlin; Forrest F., who passed away at the age of four years; Eva Gladys, a student in the high school; and Harlan H., yet at home.

Mr. Kidd and his wife both hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, the teachings of which form the guiding influences of their lives. Identified with the Masonic fraternity, Mr. Kidd holds membership in the blue lodge, No. 632, A. F. & A. M., at Ridge Farm. He also is a member of Mayfield Lodge, No. 635, K. P., in which he has filled all of the chairs, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 431, at Catlin, having passed through all of the chairs of that body also. A life-long republican, he has ever been active in local party ranks, and that his personal worth and ability were recognized by his fellow citizens is indicated by the fact that in 1901 he was called

to the highest office in the city, his service as mayor continuing for several years. He made an excellent executive, giving to the people and the public a business-like administration characterized by progress and advancement, in which he inaugurated many needed reforms and improvements. His is a splendid example of the power and force of honorable manhood, of earnest effort and of high principle. Successful in business and political life as well, his salient characteristics are such as make for good citizenship in any community and which win the esteem, confidence and good will of all.

ZARAH S. SAYLOR.

Zarah S. Saylor, who has for eighteen years been engaged in the general mercantile business at Oakwood and is a deservedly popular citizen of Vermilion county, was born in Indiana, July 10, 1863. He is a son of John A. and Priscilla (Donaldson) Saylor, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Ohio. Mr. Saylor came to Illinois in 1852 and remained only a short time, when he returned to Fairfield county, Ohio, and from there in 1854 went to Indiana, engaging as a cooper. He later bought and operated a hotel, but disposed of it and purchased a farm in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, which he conducted for eleven years. In 1872 he sold his Indiana farm and located at Oakwood, where he engaged in the mercantile business, continuing until 1892. He lived retired for a number of years and died at the advanced age of ninety years, August 6, 1908. Mrs. Saylor departed this life February 11, 1909, at the age of eighty-three years. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Saylor: Perry, who died at the age of three years; Lenora, who lived to the age of fifty-five years; Samuel, who died at thirteen years of age; John W., of Vermilion county; Susan, who died at the age of seven years; Aaron, who died at the age of twenty-nine years; and Zarah S. and P. M., twins, both living in Oakwood.

Zarah S. Saylor was educated in the district schools and remained with his parents until he was eighteen years of age. He began his active career in the employ of the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western Railroad and for ten years filled the position of telegraph operator upon that line. However, being inclined toward a mercantile career, he bought his father's interest in a store at Oakwood in 1892 and has since successfully conducted it, carrying a well selected stock of general mercantile supplies.

On March 27, 1892, Mr. Saylor was united in marriage to Miss Frances Truax, a native of Vermilion county and a daughter of Captain Joseph Truax, of the Thirty-fifth Illinois Regiment of Volunteers, and Mary (Helmick) Truax. One child, Harry Truax, was born of this union March 22, 1893, and is a graduate of the high school of Oakwood. Mrs. Saylor was called from earthly cares March 28, 1893, and is buried in Oakwood cemetery. In 1909 Mr. Saylor was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Ada Barkman, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Collings) Barkman, natives of Illinois. The father departed this life in 1909 and the mother is now living with her daughter, the wife of our

subject. Mrs. Saylor is one of four children born to her parents, the others being: Bruce, who died at the age of three years; Albert, of Catlin, Illinois; Laura, now Mrs. C. F. Stanner, of Oakwood.

Mr. Saylor is politically identified with the democratic party, but sometimes votes for the candidates of other parties, being liberal in his political views. He has served in several public offices and has always discharged his responsibilities with conscientious care. For four years he filled the office of postmaster at Oakwood, under President Cleveland. He acted as township collector for one term and is at present president of the board of trustees of the village of Oakwood. He is a member of Free Will Lodge, No. 872, A. F. & A. M., of Oakwood, and in all his duties has acquitted himself honorably as behooves a man who endeavors to be guided by principles of justice and truth.

JOHN ALLEN DANIELS.

John Allen Daniels left a deep impress upon the history of Danville, where for twenty-one years he made his home. Through a longer period he had been identified with this section of the state and as the years passed on he proved his worth as a public-spirited man who never sacrificed the general good to individual interests. His honesty and enterprise in business, fidelity in friendship and his devotion to his family were qualities which made him one of the honored residents of Danville. He was born in Beverly, West Virginia, in 1845, a son of James Madison Daniels, who was a native of the same state and spent his entire life there. In the public schools of West Virginia John Allen Daniels pursued his education and in 1866, when a young man of twenty-one years, came west to Vermilion county. During the succeeding five years he followed farming in Vermilion and Iroquois counties and was recognized as one of the representative agriculturists of the community, following methods which made his fields very productive and his labors resultant. In 1880, however, he took up his abode in Danville, where he established a furniture business, which he conducted under his own name for a time, and later under the name of the Danville Furniture Company. The beginning was small and the stock somewhat limited, but as time passed on he increased his stock to meet the demands of the trade. He worked diligently and persistently to build up the business and his earnest desire to please his patrons and his honorable methods at length brought the reward which he desired. His patronage steadily grew and in the later years of his life had one of the leading furniture establishments of the city with a trade that justified him in carrying the large stock which he handled.

In Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1871, Mr. Daniels was united in marriage to Miss Marcia W. Hobart, a native of that city. Theirs was a happy married life, a most congenial companionship characterizing the home which was blessed with the presence of four children who reached maturity, namely: Lucretia E., now the wife of J. P. Pearson; Stanley H.; Edna E., the wife of George S. Murray, of Columbus, Georgia; and Mitchell T., who is attending the Chicago

University. The death of the husband and father occurred June 8, 1902, after which the business was incorporated under the name of the Danville Furniture & Carpet Company, with Mrs. Daniels as the president, Stanley H. Daniels as vice president and Mrs. Murray, treasurer. They have remodeled the building and have one of the finest stores of the kind to be seen anywhere, carrying a stock that would be a credit to a city of much larger size.

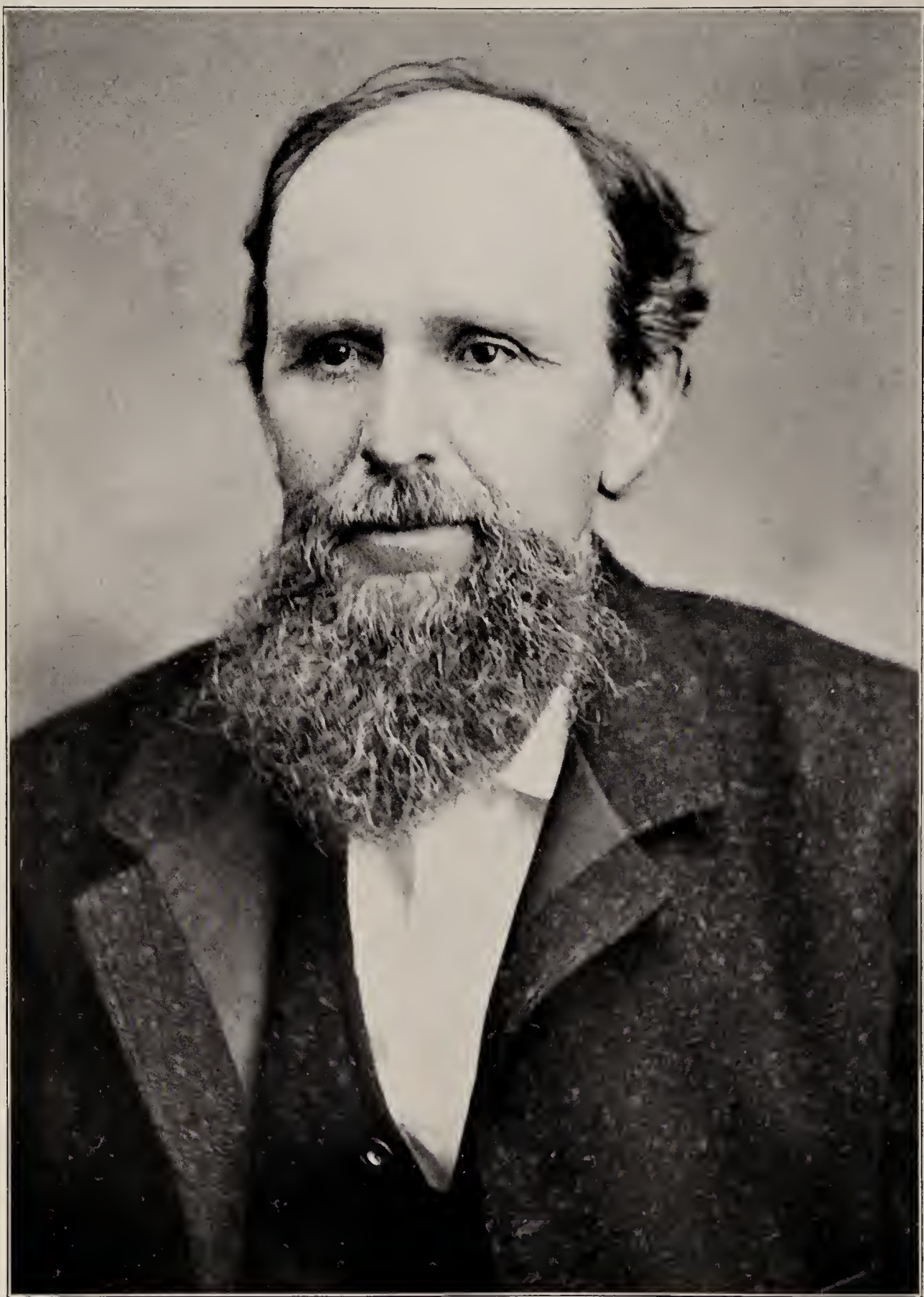
In relation to affairs of the city Mr. Daniels always manifested a public-spirited interest and cooperated in many movements for the general welfare. His friends termed him "a thoroughly good man." He was charitable, generously aiding those in need; was kindly, doing good everywhere possible; and was ever upright, never taking advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen in any business transaction. The long years of his residence in Danville proved his sterling worth and caused his death to be deeply regretted by all with whom he came in contact.

JAMES DAVIS.

It is evident from the great work accomplished by the early settlers of Illinois that they were equipped in a remarkable degree to cope with the dangers and difficulties inseparable from pioneer life. With scarcely no resources except their sinewy arms and their invincible will, they accomplished a work which has been the admiration of all succeeding times. The pioneers were brave, strong and resolute. The dark forest or the boundless, untrodden prairie had no terrors for these fearless souls. They were bent on a mighty mission—the founding of a home—and no obstacle could long delay them in their divinely appointed work, resulting as it has in the firm establishment of a government that is the wonder of all thinking men—the greatest monument to human enterprise and genius that the world has ever known.

To James Davis belongs the honor of being one of the oldest residents of Vermilion county. Seventy-four years ago his eyes first rested on the region which, through the efforts of men like himself, has been converted into productive farms with beautiful homes, provided with all the comforts and conveniences of modern life. The country was then largely unbroken prairie and dense woods with heavy undergrowth occupied the valley. Little did the early arrivals dream of the great changes that were to take place on the face of nature, nor did they dream of the numberless improvements that the later generation would introduce.

The subject of this review was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, January 21, 1828, and is a son of Henry and Rachel (Pollack) Davis, both natives of western Pennsylvania. The father, who was a farmer, removed to Guernsey county, Ohio, in 1808, one year after his marriage, remaining there until the fall of 1836, when he came to Vermilion county, Illinois, locating on the farm where our subject now lives. This land was originally entered by a man named Cozad, who sold it to a Mr. Elliott, from whom it was purchased by Mr. Davis. Upon it stood a log house a story and a half in height, with a puncheon floor, wherein the



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family lived for four or five years, at the end of which time Mr. Davis erected a better residence. A part of the barn built by the pioneer in 1838 is still standing and is one of the historic fragments of this region. In this barn it was customary to tramp out the wheat with horses and in 1842 the wheat from the farm was hauled to Chicago, our subject, although merely a lad at that time, driving one of the wagons. In 1848 the first threshing machine was seen upon the farm and in the fall of the same year our subject and his brother drove to Chicago with a load of apples, for which they received from fifty to seventy-five cents a bushel. The family home was on the old state road and here many travelers passing through the country were entertained, the charge for a meal being twelve and a half cents, which was considered a fair price in those days. Henry Davis departed this life in November, 1855, his wife having been called to her final rest in November, 1848.

James Davis was the youngest of their ten children. He received his education in a log schoolhouse and as he grew up became thoroughly familiar with the operations on the farm. At twenty-two years of age he took unto himself a life companion and his father made him a present of a fine tract of land, which he proceeded to cultivate and which he has greatly improved and brought to a high state of productiveness. He is now the owner of one of the richest farms in this portion of the county, embracing three hundred and fifty-two acres and provided with a handsome residence and all the conveniences that are known to the up-to-date farmer. He is also the owner of property in Danville and has for many years been recognized as a thorough agriculturist and stock-raiser, having bred stock on an extensive scale, including cattle, horses, sheep and hogs.

On October 18, 1849, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss America J. Boggess, a daughter of John Boggess, one of the early settlers of Vermilion county and the father of eleven children, nine of whom grew to maturity. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis: John T., a farmer of Vance township; and Rachel A., the widow of E. R. Danforth, of Danville,

Although Mr. Davis is now in the eighty-third year of his age, he has preserved his health and strength in a remarkable degree and has the appearance and action of a man twenty years younger. Previous to the Civil war he gave his earnest support to the democratic party, but like many other democrats of that period, he became a strong Union man and since the war has adhered closely to the republican party in national and state affairs, although in local politics he often votes for the man he considers best fitted for the office irrespective of party. While he has never sought official honors, he served for nine years as road commissioner and school director and has also served for many years as trustee of his school district. At the time of the war Mr. Davis proffered his services to the government, enlisting for three months in Company C, Seventy-first Illinois Regiment, the period of service covering from July to November, 1862. He is an honored member of Homer Lodge, No. 199, A. F. & A. M. This lodge he joined in 1857 and in 1907 he was presented by his brethren with a gold-headed cane in recognition of his fifty years' membership, a record which is seldom attained in this or any other fraternal organization. He has held the offices of senior and junior warden, deacon and treasurer in his lodge. He is also a member of Homer Chapter, No. 94, R. A. M., and of Athelstan Com-

mandery, No. 45, Knights Templar, of Danville, and has held the offices of king and scribe in the chapter.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis are both actively connected with the Baptist church, in which they have held membership for more than fifty years. He has seen something of the world, having visited California and other states of the west in 1875 and also the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876. He has always been an independent and thoughtful observer and in the course of a long career has gained a great deal of knowledge which is not found in books. He is an interesting talker, a genial host, and no man in this part of the state is better informed as to early days nor can any other man relate more vividly the stories of pioneer times. Mr. Davis never was obliged to struggle to obtain a living, as he belonged to a well ordered family possessing an abundance of earthly goods, and with ability to conduct a farm so as to make it profitable. He is and has been for many years one of the substantial men of the county, and today he is without doubt one of the most respected and honored citizens of this region.

L. P. CULP.

When L. P. Culp was called to his final rest on the 9th of November, 1908, he had already passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, for his life record covered the period between that date and the 14th of March, 1835, when he first opened his eyes to the light of day in Indiana. His parents were Joseph and Maragaret Culp, natives of Pennsylvania and Indiana respectively, both of whom are deceased.

L. P. Culp passed the period of his boyhood and youth in the state of his nativity and in the common schools of Indiana acquired his education. He was a young man of twenty years when, in 1855, he came to Vermilion county, Illinois, and here he engaged as a farm hand, having previously been trained to agricultural pursuits on the old homestead. He was thus employed until his marriage three years later. In 1873 his wife's father left her one hundred acres of land in Catlin township and there he took up agricultural pursuits independently. The log cabin which he erected upon the place at that time is still standing and continues to be the home of his widow. He gave his entire time and attention to the cultivation and development of his farm, and under his wise management and careful direction the fields were brought under a good state of cultivation, annually yielding abundant harvests. He continued to engage in general farming until the time of his demise, and the industry, energy and perseverance which he displayed in the conduct of his affairs were salient elements in the acquirement of a competency which made it possible for him to leave his family in comfortable circumstances when he was called to his final rest after more than a half century's connection with the agricultural interests of Vermilion county.

In early manhood Mr. Culp had laid the foundation for a happy home life of his own by his marriage, in 1858, to Miss Mary J. Wright, who was born in Catlin township in 1840 and was a daughter of Thomas and Mary B. (San-

dusky) Wright. The father was a native of Virginia and the mother of Kentucky, and they arrived in Vermilion county in 1831, where they were united in marriage. They began their domestic life upon a farm which was the property of Mrs. Wright, and continued to make that their home throughout their remaining days. The father passed away in 1872 and the mother in 1851, and their remains were laid to rest on the old home farm. Mrs. Culp and her brother Thomas and her half-brother Henry are the only surviving members of a family of five children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Wright. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Culp was blessed with six children, as follows: Joseph F., a resident of Danville; Thomas S., now deceased; Cornelius, of Sidell, Illinois; William S., making his home in Catlin township; Madora B., the wife of David Lewis, of Collison, Illinois; and Lucy E., who wedded W. B. Freelan, of Danville.

The parents were members of the Congregational church, in the work of which they were deeply interested, and in the faith of that denomination Mr. Culp passed away on the 9th of November, 1908, his remains being laid to rest in the Oak Ridge cemetery at Catlin. His long identification with the agricultural interests of Vermilion county had made him well known among the citizens of the district in which he resided, and all with whom he had any relations entertained for him the highest regard and esteem. His widow continues to reside in the home in which they began their domestic life more than fifty-two years ago. Although the snows of seventy winters have passed over her head, she still gives active supervision to her business interests, renting the old farm of one hundred acres which is yet in her possession, and proving capable and successful in the conduct of her affairs.

HARVEY J. SCONCE.

Scientific farming finds an exponent in Harvey J. Sconce. All that pertains to progressive agriculture is a matter of deep interest to him and his studies have covered a wide range in relation to soil, climatic conditions and plant propagation. He has watched with interest the work of the bureau of agriculture and is constantly broadening his knowledge along lines that are at once practical and at the same time give the keenest understanding of the great scientific principles which constitute the basis of agriculture. His success has resulted from a wise use of his innate talents and powers, of the natural resources of the country and the opportunities which are open to all.

He was born March 7, 1875, at Fairview, the beautiful country home of his father, James S. Sconce, who was a man prominent in all the affairs of the county and widely known throughout the state as a prominent agriculturist and stock-raiser. He was born near Brook's Point in Vermilion county, November 14, 1831—a representative of one of the oldest pioneer families of this part of the state. Concerning his lineage, a contemporary biographer has said: "Back to an early epoch in American history can the ancestry of the family be traced and in many events which left their impress upon improvement and pro-

gress representatives of the name were active. When civilization made its way into the wilderness of Kentucky the Sconces joined the vanguard and the great-grandfather of James S. Sconce was one of the pioneers of Bourbon county, Kentucky, where he lived in a large log house, built especially to resist Indian attacks. There were eight brothers in the family and they were among the brave early settlers who reclaimed that beautiful country from the domain of the savages. Nearly all of these brothers emigrated to the south and west, bearing part in the reclamation of wild districts for the purpose of civilization. There are now many representatives of the name in Texas."

"Samuel Sconce, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, in 1802, and was there reared amid the scenes of frontier life, sharing in the hardships and trials of the pioneer settlers until the year 1828, when he came to Illinois, settling in Vermilion county the following year. Here he was married to Miss Nancy Waters, who was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, in 1808, and in 1829 came with her parents to Brook's Point, Vermilion county, where the marriage was celebrated. For a few years they resided in that locality and Mr. Sconce gave his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he followed very successfully. In 1852 he turned his attention to merchandising in Indianola as a member of the firm of Bailey & Sconce, which proved a profitable venture until the store was destroyed by fire, when Mr. Sconce retired from business life. He died in 1874, at the age of seventy-one years, and his widow passed away in 1897, at the age of eighty-nine. They were the parents of three children who reached mature years: James S.; America J. of Indianola, who is the widow of Dr. Oliver Calvert, by whom she had a daughter who died at the age of sixteen years; and Thomas J., who was for many years a resident of Carroll township, Vermilion county, and died January 1, 1888."

After mastering the preliminary branches of learning taught in the district schools James S. Sconce continued his education in Danville and later in Georgetown Academy, then the best educational institution of eastern Illinois. His training at farm work was also broad and varied, and he received instruction and experience in commercial lines when, at the age of twenty-four years, he became a clerk in his father's store, where he received a salary of three hundred dollars per annum for four years. In 1859 he went to Kansas and there pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of land in Lyons county. Three months sufficed to convince him that he preferred Illinois as a place of residence and at the end of that time he traded his property for a smaller tract of land in Illinois and turned his attention to his live-stock interests, in which connection he became widely known by reason of the extent and importance of his operations in that direction.

It was during that period that James S. Sconce was united in marriage in September, 1861, to Miss Emma Sodowsky, the only daughter of Harvey Sodowsky. She was reared at Woodlawn, her father's country home, and completed her education in Georgetown Academy. For a year after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Sconce lived with her father and then took up their residence at Fairview. Success attended him in his business ventures and wisely making investments in real estate, he became the owner of twenty-one hundred acres of valuable Illinois farm land and developed one of the finest farm properties

in the state. In the midst of a broad and well kept lawn adorned by the arts of the landscape gardener he erected a commodious and beautiful residence, to which Mrs. Sconce gave the name of Fairview. Fine old shade trees surround the place, and flowers and shrubs are an attractive feature of the home. In the rear of the residence were built large barns and all the necessary outbuildings for the shelter of grain, stock and farm machinery. The latest improved agricultural implements were secured for the cultivation of the soil and the care of the crops. Year by year bounteous harvests were gathered, showing that the methods employed in the cultivation of the fields were practical and resultant. Not only did Mr. Sconce give his supervision to the development of the fields but also became extensively engaged in the raising and selling of stock and from that branch of his business derived a large annual revenue. His success is indicated in the fact that the estate left by him was one of the largest ever probated in Vermilion county and careful analysis of his life record showed that the methods he employed in its attainment were such as could bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, there being not a single esoteric phase in his career.

A contemporary biographer has said of him: "While his success excited the admiration of those who knew him, it was his personal characteristics that drew around him so many warm friends. He was a man of fine appearance, six feet in height, broad shouldered, and with the keen blue eye so characteristic of the family. He would have attracted attention in any gathering. Politically he was a democrat from conviction and principle and in 1882 he consented to become a candidate for state senator. He made a brilliant race, running far ahead of his ticket in a county which is strongly republican. He served as supervisor of Carroll township and always took a deep interest in public affairs. A well filled library indicated his literary taste, and he read broadly and deeply, spending many of his most pleasant hours with his favorite authors. Educational matters always awakened his earnest interest and hearty cooperation and for a number of years he was one of the regents of the Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Illinois, which was also favored by his generosity. He was a consistent and active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and he was buried with Masonic honors in the Woodlawn cemetery at Indianola. The funeral was attended by an immense throng and the cortege, headed by three hundred Masons in mourning, was over three miles in length, probably the largest funeral ever held in Vermilion county. It was remarked by one who knew Mr. Sconce well that 'a secret society which commanded the fealty of a man like James S. Sconce must have something in it.' If he loved Masonry it was also true that the brethren of the craft loved him. He lived a life of simplicity, gentleness, kindness and charity, and he never allowed the accumulation of wealth to in any way influence his action toward those less fortunate, unless it was to make him more considerate and gracious. He regarded only the worth of character in those whom he made his friends and he had the highest regard for upright manhood. It was therefore a logical result that he should draw around him a circle of friends that was almost coextensive with his circle of acquaintances, and that his death should come as a personal bereavement to a great majority who knew him.

“His widow still lives at beautiful Fairview. She is well versed in literature and art and ‘one is never alone who has the companionship of the old masters.’ As a friend remarked to the writer: ‘It matters not who goes to the home of Mrs. Sconce, be they rich or poor, they all receive the same gracious welcome.’ To her husband she was a devoted companion and helpmate and for more than a quarter of a century they traveled life’s journey together in a most congenial companionship that made her bereavement very heavy, yet left her with many precious memories of happy years of wedded life.”

The family of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Sconce included three children: Anna, the wife of William G. Cathcart, a banker of Sidell; Harvey J.; and Samuel, who died in infancy. The surviving son, reared at the beautiful country estate of his father, where he yet makes his home, pursued his education in the public schools of Vermilion county and afterward specialized in the agricultural course at the University of Illinois, taking a special course of three years. While he made a good record in his studies he was also interested in athletics and college sports, playing for three years on the football team and for one year was a member of the baseball team. His father’s estate, which had been under the supervision of his mother during his minority, came under the immediate charge of Harvey J. Sconce following his return from college. He brought to bear in the work which he now assumed a comprehensive scientific knowledge which he continued to broaden by reading and investigation and no finer farm land in Illinois can be found than the three thousand one hundred and forty acres comprised within the Sconce farm, belonging to our subject and his sister Anna. The usual features of farm life, the cultivation of the fields and the raising of stock, constitute the branches of his business. Both are carried on extensively and as a breeder and raiser of shorthorn cattle Harvey J. Sconce is widely known not only in Illinois but throughout the country. Moreover, he has made a specialty of the raising of corn, in which connection he has won prizes at the national exhibitions. The element of luck does not enter into his business. Wherever science has penetrated into the mysteries of nature Harvey J. Sconce has followed, thus coming into an understanding of the conditions of plant life, the food needs and the soil requirements. He is numbered among those who have raised farming from an occupation to a profession.

Mr. Sconce was married June 2, 1897, to Miss Eva Fisher, who was born July 22, 1876, and is a daughter of Michael and Marietta Fisher of Indianola. Three children bless this union: Emma Frances, who was born May 9, 1898; Marietta Louise, born September 9, 1904; and James S., born October 13, 1906. Their home is lacking in none of the accessories, conveniences and equipments of the most modern city residence. All that is tasteful and rich in furnishing may here be found in a house lighted by electricity and embellished with the adornments of art, music and a fine conservatory.

Mr. Sconce is a republican stanch in his advocacy of party principles and policy. He belongs to the Kappa Sigma Greek letter fraternity and the Elks Lodge at Danville and to the Masonic Lodge at Sidell. He has attained to the thirty-second degree in the latter order and is a member of the Chicago Consistory. While his financial position affords him opportunity for travel, his in-

terest yet centers in the county and state of his nativity and his generous cooperation can always be counted upon to further any measure or project for the welfare, improvement and upbuilding of Vermilion county. He is too broad-gauged, however, to center his thought here without manifesting an interest in national affairs and questions of widespread and vital importance. Wherever known, and he has a wide acquaintance, he is recognized as a scholar and financier as well as one of the most prominent exponents of scientific and advanced agriculture.

CHARLES C. YOUNG.

Charles C. Young, recognized as one of the energetic business men of Oakwood, Vermilion county, was born in York county, Nebraska, October 4, 1874, and is a son of J. H. and Sarah L. (Lockhart) Young, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. From both sides of the family he comes of sturdy pioneer stock. His parents were residents of Vermilion county and were sojourning temporarily in Nebraska at the time of their son's birth. They returned to this county and here he was reared and educated. He received a thorough training in the fundamental principles which apply to all lines of business, under the direction of his father, and continued with his parents until twenty-one years of age. In 1895 he and his father were associated in general mercantile business at Oakwood, continuing until 1901, when they retired and the subject of this sketch became connected with the telephone business as manager of the Vermilion County Telephone Company, being the founder of the Oakwood Exchange, of which he still continues in charge. In 1901 he was appointed postmaster of the town and retains that position. He has taken a great interest in matters pertaining to the postal department and five years ago was elected secretary to the National League of Postmasters, which position he has filled with such efficiency that he has ever since been retained in that responsible office.

On October 31, 1895, Mr. Young was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Seal, who was born in Oakwood and is a daughter of William and Damarius (Garner) Seal, both natives of Ohio. Mr. Seal settled in Vermilion county many years ago and he and his wife are still living at Vermilion Heights, Danville. One child blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Young, Ethel, who was born November 15, 1898. On November 16, 1898, Mrs. Young was called from the cares of earthly life and on May 16, 1900, Mr. Young was married to Miss Nannie Pricer, a native of Vermilion county and a daughter of James and Arminta (Abbott) Pricer, of Ohio, who settled in Illinois during the first half of the last century. Her father died December 23, 1906, but Mrs. Pricer is living retired at Rossville, Illinois. Mrs. Young received a fine education and for ten years was a popular teacher in the public schools. She has been an able assistant and a constant support to her husband. She is one of a family of nine children, eight of whom are now living: Charles, John, George, Thomas, Lulu, Artie, Alice, Clara and Nannie.

Mr. Young is a supporter of the principles of the republican party. He is a member of Lodge No. 332, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Danville, and also of Lodge No. 1727, Modern Woodmen of America, of Oakwood. He and his wife are both affiliated with the Church of Christ, in which they are active workers, he being a member of the board of trustees and a teacher in the Sunday school, while she has charge of the Sunday school as its superintendent. Mr. Young is greatly respected wherever he is known, as his efforts are in a high degree unselfish and directed so as to prove of permanent and practical benefit to those with whom he is associated.

ISAAC L. CREIGHTON.

Isaac L. Creighton, who belongs to a long-lived family and is himself now more than four score years of age, was born in Carroll county, Ohio, January 19, 1828. During his life time many of the most important developments in the history of the world have taken place and the great strides of modern civilization have transformed not only the modes of living in all enlightened nations but have changed the trend of thought, and today he sees a new world from that upon which his eyes opened in a little log cabin in Ohio long years ago. He is a son of John W. and Elizabeth (Luton) Creighton. His grandfather was a native of Scotland and removed with his parents to Ireland at six years of age and ten years later went to Canada. He participated in the Revolutionary war and later came to Ohio, where he died at the age of one hundred and one years. The father of our subject entered forty acres of timber land in Ohio and built a log cabin, which he covered with a clapboard roof and provided with a floor of the same material. Here he lived for some years, when he took up his residence for a short time in Indiana, returning again to Carroll county, Ohio, where his wife died. He was married a second time and finally located in Monroe county, Ohio, there spending his declining years. He was the father of two sons, John and Isaac L.

The subject of this sketch had limited opportunities for obtaining an education in the log schoolhouse and the most of his knowledge has been acquired in the great school of life. He is, indeed, a living link connecting the very early days of the pioneers, with their joys and sorrows, to the quiet, peaceful and prosperous conditions which we now enjoy. He remained at home with his parents until he reached his majority and then began farming upon rented land in Ohio. In 1866, believing that conditions were more favorable in Illinois, he came to Vermilion county and purchased a farm in Middlefork township, later acquiring more land until at one time he owned over seven hundred acres in that township and was known as one of the most prominent and successful farmer in his part of the county. The land which he acquired he has given to his children, retaining for himself only a life interest.

At the age of twenty-one years Mr. Creighton was married to Miss Catherine Johnson, of Ohio, who departed this life three years after her marriage. Two children were the result of that union: Mary E., the wife of Joseph Truax,



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of Vermilion county; and Finley, also of this county. Mr. Creighton in 1852 was united in marriage to Miss C. M. Cary, a native of the state of Delaware, who died April 28, 1898, and was the mother of eleven children, all of whom are now living except one. In 1899 he married Mrs. Linda Hovey, and in 1903 Mr. Creighton was a fourth time married, the lady of his choice being Mrs. Mary Blair, of Delaware.

Mr. Creighton has been for many years identified with the democratic party and has served in several public offices in his township. He and his wife are members of the Christian church and have many friends among both the older and younger people of the community, who regard them with the esteem that rightly belongs to those who on life's journey have attempted to perform their duty. At the venerable age of eighty-two years Mr. Creighton retains in a large degree the buoyancy of spirits that carried him through many a struggle with adverse fortune, and he is today one of the most interesting survivors of the pioneers who so nobly accomplished their mission in subduing the wilderness to the uses of man.

LEVIN D. GASS.

In the list of notable men who have directed their efforts toward promoting the commercial and financial interests of Danville, certain names stand forth conspicuous and prominent by reason of what they have accomplished and from the manner of securing results. Levin D. Gass, cashier of the First National Bank, belongs to this class of men and his standing in business circles is unquestioned.

A native of Vermilion county, he was born in Catlin, November 22, 1858, and is a son of John H. and Lucinda (Driggans) Gass. The father was born in Greenville, Tennessee, while the birth of the mother occurred in the western part of North Carolina. They became residents of Crawfordsville, Indiana, at an early day, making their home there from 1841 until 1856, when they removed by wagon to Vermilion county, Illinois, and located in Catlin, where Mr. Gass engaged in the mercantile and live-stock business. He also served as the first railroad agent at that place for the Great Western Railway, now a part of the Wabash system, which then ran from State Line to Naples, Illinois. During the dark days of the Rebellion he put aside all personal interests and in 1862 enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry, and was commissioned captain, which position he resigned in 1864. He was with General Buell in his pursuit of General Bragg and participated in the battles of Nashville and Champion Hill. After leaving the army he returned to Catlin, where he made his home until 1866, when he removed to Danville, here continuing to be engaged in the live-stock and mercantile business until 1875. In the latter year he removed to Chicago and was exclusively engaged in the live-stock business at the Union Stock Yards until his death, which occurred on the 17th of August, 1895. He was a very energetic and up-to-date business man and accumulated a handsome competence. His wife survived him for some

years and passed away in Danville in February, 1902. In their family were six children, namely: Hamlet K., who is engaged in the stock business in Chicago; Inez, the wife of George Cutter of South Bend, Indiana; Charles, an employe of the Wabash Railroad, residing in Chicago; Levin D. of this review; Lola A., the wife of Charles E. Olmstead of Danville; and Bertha M., the wife of David P. Miller, who represents the New York Life Insurance Company in Chicago.

Levin D. Gass acquired his education in the public and high schools of Danville and began his business career as a messenger boy in the First National Bank in May, 1875. He showed such an interest and adaptability for his work that he was promoted from time to time, serving as collector for eight months, and then as chief bookkeeper for two years, after which he was individual bookkeeper for eighteen months. He was next made teller and in 1883 was promoted to assistant cashier, in which capacity he served until elected cashier of the bank in 1895. His constant promotion shows how a young man may rise in the business world who has the ambition to do so and is industrious by nature. He had a long road to travel but he accomplished his purpose and is today not only an officer in the bank but also a stockholder and director of the same. His courteous, genial manner has won patrons for the institution and much of its success is due to his untiring and well directed efforts. Mr. Gass is also interested in other enterprises, being president of the Danville Buggy Company and treasurer of the Vermilion County Telephone Company.

On the 24th of November, 1881, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Gass to Miss Eva M. Hulce, a daughter of Martin Hulce, who was a former president of the Danville Buggy Company, and this union has been blessed by four children, namely: Lewis W., who obtained his degree as a civil engineer at Purdue University in 1909 and is now located at Texarkana, Texas; Martin J., who is teller in the First National Bank of Danville; Inez E., a sophomore at De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana; and Howard L., a student in the high school at Danville.

Mr. Gass is one of the leading members and a trustee of Kimber Methodist Episcopal church. He is prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite; for two years he was master of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 38, A. F. & A. M., and has presided over all the Masonic bodies up to the eighteenth degree. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, belonging to Damascus Lodge, No. 84, and is past grand chancellor of the state of Illinois, having filled that office in 1906-7. He likewise belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and to the Tribe of Ben Hur. In early manhood he joined the National Guards, becoming a private in 1875, and when mustered out, in 1883, was serving as adjutant of his regiment with the rank of captain. In 1906, however, he again entered the service, becoming quartermaster of the Fourth Brigade with the rank of major and is now deputy commissary general of the state of Illinois with the rank of Colonel, serving on the staff of Major General E. C. Young, commanding the Illinois National Guard. He was on riot duty in 1876-77 and again in 1879 during the railroad riots of that year and 1881. After his reenlistment he was on duty during the race riot at Springfield, Illinois, in August, 1908.

Since old enough to vote Mr. Gass has taken an active interest in political affairs and was prominent during the sound money campaign that resulted in the endorsement by the state of Illinois of Major McKinley on a hard money platform in 1896, the state being carried by the largest majority ever cast for a presidential candidate in Illinois. In 1902 Mr. Gass was elected president of the board of education in Danville and has been successively reelected to that office for nine terms, eight times without opposition. He takes a great interest in educational affairs and has done all in his power to promote the efficiency of the schools of Danville. His public and private life have alike been above reproach and he well deserves the confidence and high regard in which he is uniformly held. His business career has been characterized by honorable dealings and he today occupies a most enviable position in commercial, political and military circles.

ISAAC N. BYERLY.

Among the residents of Catlin whose well directed energies and intelligently applied labors in former years now make it possible for them to live in honorable retirement, enjoying well earned rest without recourse to further business activity, is Isaac N. Byerly. A native of Putnam county, Indiana, he was born on the 8th of October, 1844 a son of K. F. and Mary Byerly, natives of South Carolina. Both went with their parents to Indiana at an early date, and after their marriage in that state took up their abode in Vermilion county, Illinois. Mrs. Byerly later passed away near Bushnell, this state, leaving besides her husband five children to mourn her loss. After the death of his first wife K. F. Byerly returned with his family to Indiana, where he was again married. Prior to the Civil war he again took up his residence in Vermilion county, Illinois, and died on the farm which he had purchased and upon which his remaining days were spent. By his second union were born seven children.

Isaac N. Byerly spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his father's home, acquiring his education in the common schools, and in the work of the farm he early took an important part, becoming familiar with all the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad. He remained with his father until twenty-one years of age, when he went to Putnam county, Indiana, and resided with an aunt for two years, or until his marriage, when he returned to Vermilion county and entered business on his own account, taking up agricultural pursuits upon a rented farm which he continued to operate for six years. Then feeling that his carefully saved earnings justified such a step, he purchased a tract of eighty acres situated in Catlin township and began the cultivation and development of a farm of his own. For twenty-three years he remained upon that place, devoting his energies to general farming, and in the meantime introduced many improvements, including modern machinery for facilitating the work of the farm. He employed up-to-date and business like methods in the conduct of his enterprise, was energetic, industrious and persevering, and as the years went by his close application and wise management were resultant forces

in the building up of a success which now enables him to live retired from active life. Although he still owns his farm of eighty acres, he now makes his home in Catlin, where he owns a fine residence and where he is enjoying the benefits of a comfortable competency which has come as the deserved reward of many years of earnest endeavor.

On the 7th of October, 1869, Mr. Byerly was united in marriage to Miss Dicie Goff, who was born in Indiana and is daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Garner) Goff, both natives of Indiana, where they still reside on the old homestead farm. Their family consists of twelve children, which number includes Mrs. Byerly, who by her marriage became the mother of eight children, as follows: two who passed away in infancy: Charles F., a resident of Catlin; R. K., of whom mention is made on another page in this volume; Elizabeth, the wife of John Smoot, of Vermilion county; Bertie, who married Thomas Burroughs, also of this country; and Grace and Nellie, yet at home.

The family hold membership in the Christian church of Catlin and occupy a prominent place in the social circles in which they move, the cordial hospitality of their home being enjoyed by a large number of friends. Mr. Byerly holds membership in the Modern Woodmen camp at Catlin, and in politics gives stanch support to the principles of the prohibition party, although he has never sought nor desired office. He is a strong advocate, however, of reform, progress and improvement, and for several years served as school director, the cause of education finding in him a warm friend. Since taking up his abode in Catlin he has become deeply interested in the public welfare of the village and exerts his influence in every way possible for its development and upbuilding. He occupies a prominent position in the community, which is due not so much to the success which he has attained along material lines as to his many excellent characteristics.

CHARLES SHEAN.

Charles Shean, deceased, was for many years one of the most enterprising and progressive business men of Danville, but at the time of his death was living retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. He was born in Wisconsin, October 20, 1850, and was a son of John Shean, who was engaged in the meat business in La Salle, Illinois, after coming to this state. Our subject was a mere lad on the removal of his parents to La Salle, where he continued to make his home until reaching manhood. He then removed to Mattoon, Illinois, where he was engaged in the bottling of mineral waters. While a resident of that city he was married in 1874 to Miss Emma White, a daughter of Durant White, of Mattoon, but she lost both parents when quite young. To Mr. and Mrs. Shean were born four children, namely, William, Charles, Mrs. Samuel Bracewell and Mrs. Clarence Allison.

The year following his marriage, in 1875, Mr. Shean removed to Danville and here purchased a bottling factory, and through hard work and close attention to business he built up an excellent trade. He met with more than ordinary

success in his undertakings and became the possessor of considerable valuable property, including several residences and business blocks. About eight years prior to his death he retired from the bottling business and gave his entire time and attention to looking after his invested interests. He handled a large amount of real estate and in this way added materially to his income. At one time he bought a beautiful tract of suburban property on the Perrysville road, where he lived for a number of years, and later built a house at 416 South street, where he took up his abode just seven weeks before he passed away on the 7th of June, 1906.

The democratic party always found in him a stanch supporter of its principles and in religious faith he was a devout Catholic. On starting out in life for himself he was in limited circumstances, but through his industry, enterprise and perseverance steadily worked his way upward until he occupied a position of affluence and was regarded as one of the leading men of Danville.

J. H. M. CLINCH, M. D.

Dr. J. H. M. Clinch, who for twelve years has engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Danville and has long since become well established in his chosen profession, was born in Georgia, December 25, 1861. His grandfather, General D. L. Clinch, of the United States Army, fought in the Mexican and Indian wars. The father, Duncan L. Clinch, also a native of Georgia, served as a colonel in the Confederate army. His wife bore the maiden name of Susan A. Hopkins and was also born in Georgia.

Dr. Clinch pursued his early education in Philadelphia, afterward attended Cheltenham Academy and was later graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. In preparation for the practice of medicine he entered the medical department of the University of Oregon, completing the course with the class of 1896. He then located for practice in Huntington, Oregon, where he remained for two years, and in 1898 came to Danville, where he has since continued in general practice. Each year has chronicled a growth in his patronage for he has given proof of his skill and ability in the excellent results which have followed his labors. He keeps abreast with the advancement being made in the profession and while he is never hasty in discarding the old and time tried methods of practice, the value of which has been proven, he yet readily takes up with new methods and ideas which his judgment sanctions as worth while.

Dr. Clinch was married in Danville, in 1901, to Miss Edna Wilber, a native of this city and a daughter of Peter Wilber, an old and highly respected citizen who has served as justice of the peace here. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Frances (Fuller) Wilber, is a native of this county. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Clinch has been born a son, J. H. M., Jr., whose birth occurred in August, 1902. Dr. Clinch is well known in the fraternal societies of Danville, holding membership in the Masonic Lodge, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. Along strictly professional lines he is connected with the Ver-

milion County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and thus keeps abreast with the profession in all that it is doing to annihilate disease and do away with conditions that are a menace to health. He conforms closely to the highest standard of commercial ethics and is most conscientious in the performance of his professional duties.

CHARLES HILLMAN.

Charles Hillman, the owner of a valuable farm in Vermilion county and a soldier of the Civil war now living retired, was born in Montreal, Canada March 8, 1840. He is a son of Edward and Hannah Hillman, the latter a native of Scotland and the former of England. The father went to Canada with his parents when he was quite young and in later life took up his residence in New York state, where he died. The subject of this review was left an orphan by the death of his mother when he was nine years of age, at that time going to live with a farmer who treated him so unkindly that at thirteen he ran away and sought employment under more favorable conditions. Owing to the various fluctuations which took place while he was growing up, he had little opportunity for such training, but, being a man of intelligent observation and a reader of good literature, he years ago overcame this handicap. At sixteen he secured a position in a lumber camp in Canada, where he continued for a short time, when he came to St. Joseph, Illinois, remaining there about a year and then taking up his residence at Pilot Grove.

Soon after the breaking out of the Civil war Mr. Hillman enlisted in Company I, Thirty-fifth Illinois Infantry, and after being sent to the front participated in a number of the great battles, among them that of Stone River, Perryville and Chickamauga. At the last named place he was shot through the left thigh and was confined to the hospital from September, 1863, until September, 1864, which was the expiration of his term of enlistment. However, although he had suffered great pain from an extremely dangerous wound, no sooner did he recover than on January 1, 1865, he again enlisted, serving in Company K, One Hundred and Fiftieth Illinois Infantry. With this regiment he saw more favorable service in Georgia and Tennessee, and he was always a gallant and true soldier, continuing in the army until after the close of the war and receiving his final discharge February 1, 1866. He entered the army as a private and was promoted on account of efficiency to the rank of first sergeant and later was made second lieutenant. He has two honorable discharges from the army, which he holds as valuable mementos of years of faithful and meritorious service in behalf of the stars and stripes. After his final discharge Mr. Hillman returned to Vermilion county and began operating a farm of eighty acres, which he had acquired previously. After making a number of improvements he traded this farm for a part of the farm which he now owns and which includes two hundred and two and one-half acres of land under a high state of cultivation. He also is the owner of a comfortable residence in Oakwood and of several other properties in the township. For the last fifteen years he has been living

retired in the enjoyment of the well earned results of many years of application.

On October 8, 1867, Mr. Hillman was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Hilliary, a native of this state, who was born in Danville township, this county, March 15, 1849. She was a daughter of George and Sarah O. (Freese) Hilliary, who were of German descent and were married in Ohio but at an early day removed to Illinois. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hillman were born four children: Edward J., of Vermilion county; Bertha A., now living at home; George F., who received a college education and is living in Oklahoma; and Mary E., the wife of James A. Gutteridge, of Danville, Mrs. Hillman was called from earthly cares February 21, 1898, and on June 1, 1899, Mr. Hillman was married to Miss Elizabeth Oakwood, who is a daughter of Samuel and Priscilla Oakwood and was born in Oakwood township, this county, October 3, 1844. Mr. Hillman was again called upon to mourn the departure of a loving companion when on March 6, 1909, at the age of sixty-four years, his faithful wife was summoned to the unseen world. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and always endeavored to discharge her duties according to the teachings which that church represents.

Mr. Hillman is also a member of the church and for many years has served upon its board of trustees at Oakwood. Politically he is identified with the republican party but has not been bound strictly by its platform, as he is a man of liberal views who is able to perceive good traits in men who may not entirely agree with his own ideas. He has never sought office but has served most acceptably as commissioner of highways and for twelve years as a member of the school board, and in his various duties as an officer of the church and as a citizen has always shown an interest and ability which have made him a valued member of the community.

HERMAN MANTEUFEL.

Herman Manteufel, who is now successfully engaged in the bakery business in Danville, was born in Hessen-Nassau, Germany, on the 10th of May, 1869, and comes of an old and honored German family, his parents being Louis and Hermina (Poppe) Manteufel. It was in 1878 that the parents brought their family to the United States and settled in Indiana, where the father continued to make his home until called to his final rest on the 3d of April, 1905. The mother is still living.

Herman Manteufel was only about nine years of age on the emigration of the family to the new world and in the public schools of Lake county, Indiana, he obtained his literary education. He was reared upon a farm but after leaving school, in 1885, went to Chicago, where he learned the baker's trade. On the 19th of January, 1903, he came to Danville and entered the employ of H. Linne, a baker, but at the end of a year became a partner in the business, which they carried on together until 1908. During that year Mr. Manteufel opened an establishment of his own at No. 863-65 East Fairchild street, where he is

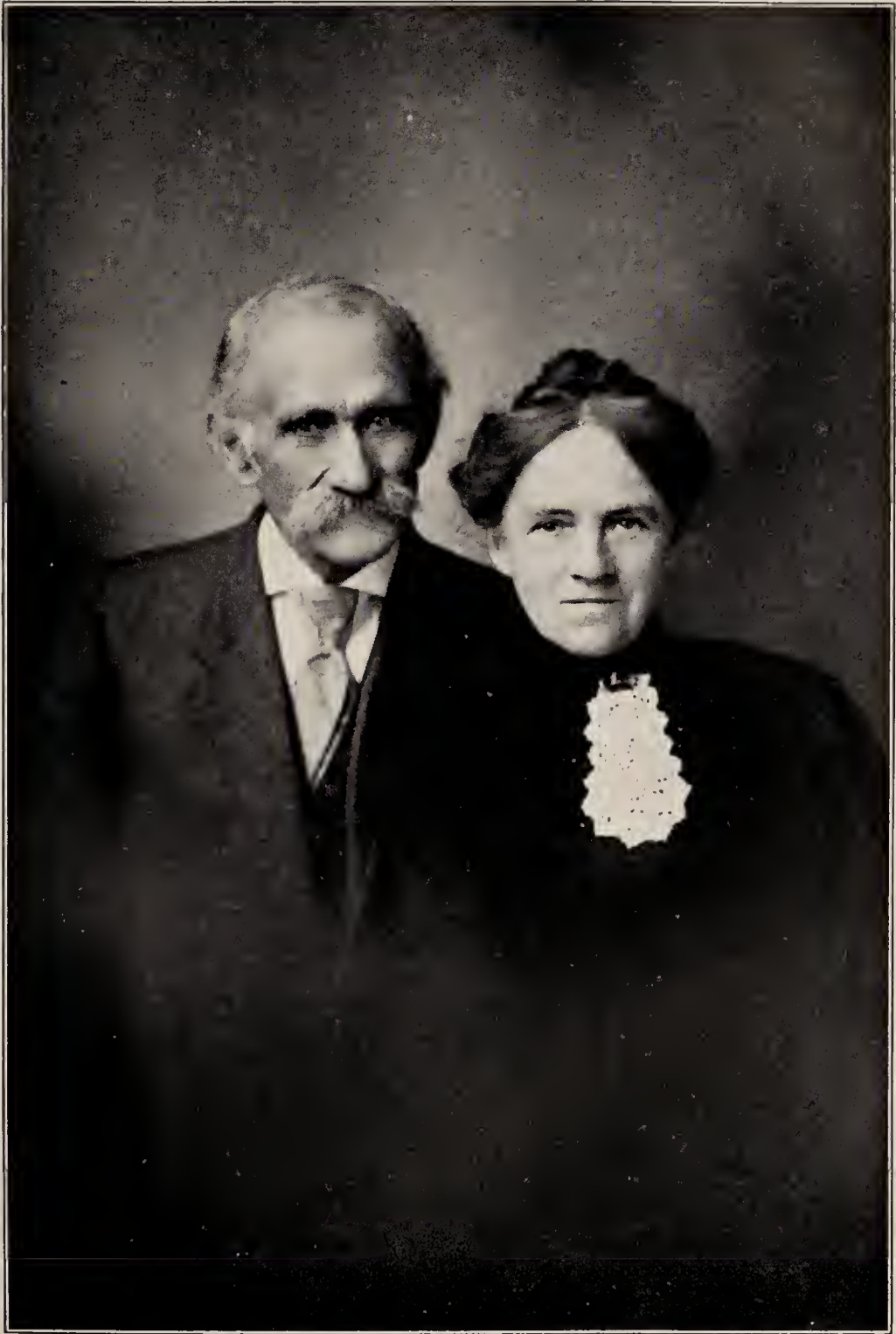
now located. On beginning business alone he used only about a barrel and a half of flour per day, but his trade has so rapidly increased that now he averages eight barrels per day and furnishes employment to from seven to ten people. The excellence of his product has insured him a good trade and, being a man of sound judgment and good business ability, he is meeting with most excellent success.

On the 24th of November, 1889, Mr. Manteufel was married in Danville to Miss Margaret Hosh, a daughter of Andrew and Marie (Koch) Hosh, who for the past fifty years have made their home in this city and are numbered among its honored residents. Mr. and Mrs. Manteufel now have a little daughter, Esther, who was born in Danville, June 26, 1901. They hold membership in the German Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Manteufel is an active worker in the ranks of the republican party but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. He has, however, served as school director in the Germantown district for three years, from 1906 to 1908 inclusive. Fraternally he is a member of the Court of Honor. Home-loving and charitable, he has made a host of friends since coming to Danville and has become one of the substantial and prosperous business men of the city, whose success is due entirely to his own industry, perseverance and good management.

GEORGE W. NEGLEY.

George W. Negley, at the head of the Star Lumber Company, is deserving of prominent mention among the leading business men of Danville. He was born in Marion county, Indiana, on the 10th of August, 1844, his parents being George H. and Elizabeth (Ludwig) Negley, whose ancestors were of German origin. The Negley family was founded in Pennsylvania at an early day. The father, whose death occurred in 1848, was a minister of the Methodist church and traveled from village to village preaching the gospel in those early days.

In his family were the following children: Peter L., who is now a farmer and stock-raiser of Marion county, Indiana, served his country in the Civil war, commanding Company K, Fifty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry. David D. was captain of Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Indiana Regiment, and for some time was a prisoner at Andersonville, being taken at the evacuation of Tennessee through the failure of General Schofield to relieve his officers. He is now a resident of Brightwood, Indiana, and is living retired. It was owing to the brilliant speech that he made that General Lew Wallace instead of General Harrison was given the state monument at Washington. John W., who now lives on the old home farm in Marion county, Indiana, was also one of the boys in blue and was taken prisoner with his brother David. Harriet H., the eldest of the family, is now the wife of Dr. Spees and a resident of Indianapolis. Mary is the widow of David Askrem, who was well and favorably known as a resident of Bellefontaine, Ohio. Martha is the widow of Thomas Stevenson and a resident of Denver, Colorado. Elizabeth, who was for fifteen years engaged in school teaching, is now deceased. Sarah



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE W. NEGLEY

is the wife of A. J. McClain, a merchant of Indianapolis. George W. of this review, is seventh in order of birth.

Reared in what was then a frontier settlement, George W. Negley's educational advantages were somewhat meager, and he was only able to attend school about three months in the year and then had to walk a distance of two or three miles. His boyhood and youth were passed upon the farm, but not desiring to engage in agricultural pursuits he turned his attention to the lumber business after leaving school and in 1892 he came to Danville, where he has since operated a sawmill and engaged in the lumber business under the name of the Star Lumber Company. A man of good ability and enterprise and of unquestioned business integrity, he enjoys in an unusual degree the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens.

It was in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1882, that Mr. Negley was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Lee, a native of Ohio. Her parents were William and Mary A. (Teegardner) Lee, the former of English descent and the latter of Scotch ancestry. From Virginia they removed to Indiana, locating on the state line between Indiana and Ohio, thirty-five miles from Cincinnati. Both died in the Hoosier state. Of their family of eight children only one son and two daughters are still living. The father was a highly educated man, respected by all who knew him.

Mr. and Mrs. Negley are constant and faithful members of the First Presbyterian church and he is also identified with the Masonic order, belonging to lodge No. 56 at Frankfort, Indiana. Since casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, he has been a staunch supporter of the republican party and an active worker in its ranks, although he has never been an aspirant for office. He is a believer in pure and clean politics and never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes will advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of his city and county.

CHARLES A. TARPENING.

Charles A. Tarpening has for sixteen years been identified with the business interests of Danville, where he is now representing the Terre Haute Brewing Company. He was born in Union county, Ohio, on the 17th of March, 1870, his parents being Aaron A. and Emma (Webster) Tarpening, both of whom were of Scotch-Irish descent. The father's ancestors on coming to America settled in northern New York and the mother's ancestors also became residents of the Empire state. Both parents are still living and now make their home in Whitley county, Indiana. For some years the father, however, was engaged in the manufacture of tile in Wabash county, that state.

During his boyhood Charles A. Tarpening attended the public schools of North Manchester, Indiana, and also pursued a course in the business college at that place. On the completion of his education he entered the employ of the Jung Brewing Company of Cincinnati in a clerical capacity, keeping their books for a period of eighteen months. In 1894, he was

appointed agent at Alexandria, Indiana, for the Terre Haute Brewing Company. This position he filled until 1900 and was then transferred to Danville, where he has since had charge of their business which, under his able management, has increased fourfold. He is a very energetic and progressive business man and to all these qualities and his untiring industry may be attributed his success.

Mr. Tarpening was married in Alexandria on the 24th of November, 1895, to Miss Rettie Lee, whose family settled in Virginia on coming to America. However, her father, William Lee, was a native of Portland, Indiana, and in that state her parents both reside. Mr. and Mrs. Tarpening have one child, Bessie, who was born in Portland on the 2d of May, 1900. Mr. Tarpening affiliates with the Eagles and the Commercial Association of Danville and usually gives his allegiance to the republican party, though at local elections he votes independent of party lines. For ten years he has now been a resident of Danville and during that time has taken an active and commendable interest in the welfare of his adopted city.

EVAN J. JONES.

Evan J. Jones is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres situated on section 22, Catlin township, and his time and energies are now given in an undivided manner to the further development and improvement of this property. A native of Wales, he was born October 16, 1856, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Clark) Jones, who were also natives of the same little rock-ribbed country. They remained residents of Wales until 1868, when the favorable reports which reached them concerning America and her opportunities led them to cross the Atlantic to the new world. They first located in Ohio, where they resided for about three years, and in 1871 came to Vermilion county, Illinois, taking up their abode in Catlin township. After a year they removed to Danville, where they lived for one year, and in 1874 they took up their abode upon the farm which is now occupied by their son Evan, the father purchasing forty acres. He continued to cultivate his fields there until his life's labors were ended in death in 1875. He left a widow and seven children, Mrs. Jones surviving him until 1907, when she passed away at the venerable age of eighty-two years.

In the county schools of his native country Evan J. Jones pursued his education. He was a youth of twelve years when he came with his parents to the United States and here for a time he again attended school. He has lived continuously in Vermilion county for thirty-nine years and has a wide and favorable acquaintance. At the time of the father's death, which occurred when the son was but nineteen years of age, he took charge of the home farm and has occupied it continuously since. During his early life, however, he followed coal mining. After managing the farm for some time he purchased the property with the capital which he had wisely and economically saved from his earnings and has further extended the boundaries of the place until it now comprises

one hundred and twenty acres on section 22, Catlin township. His fields are highly cultivated and, in addition to raising the cereals best adapted to the soil and climatic conditions here, he also makes a specialty of raising and breeding full blooded Poland China hogs.

Mr. Jones has filled the office of school director and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. His labors are effective and far-reaching. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. He is truly a self-made man and one whose labors are effective forces in business. Without any outside aid or influence he has worked diligently and persistently and has become recognized as one of the men of affluence in Catlin township.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SOMERS.

Abraham Lincoln Somers, cashier of the First National Bank of Westville, which position he has occupied since the organization of the bank, was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1872, a son of Moses and Phoebe Somers. The father died in 1891 and the mother is now a resident of Westville, Illinois. The education of A. L. Somers was acquired in the public schools of his native city and the desire of becoming independent and providing for his own support led him at the age of eighteen years to secure work in the coal mines. He remained in his native county until 1897, when he came to Vermilion county with his mother and sisters. Here again he was employed in the mines for about five years or until 1902, when he was elected to the position of tax collector, serving for a term of three years, his reelection being proof of his capability, loyalty and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen.

While still acting in that capacity Mr. Somers was called to the cashiership of the First National Bank of Westville upon its organization in 1904. He has been the only incumbent in this office and the success of the bank is attributable in no small measure to his efforts and ability. He is an obliging official, courteous in his treatment of the patrons of the bank and at the same time watchful of the interests of the institution which he serves. The bank was capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars and its capital and surplus now amounts to twenty-nine thousand eight hundred dollars. Its officers are O. P. Clark, president; J. F. Haworth, vice president; and A. L. Somers, cashier. These gentlemen, together with L. J. Blary and T. H. Spang, constitute the board of directors. The record of the bank, as shown by the report of the comptroller of currency, is most satisfactory. The business has been developed upon the platform of "safety first, liberality next," both of which are essential to successful banking.

In 1902 Mr. Somers was united in marriage to Miss Isabel Courtney, of Indiana, and they have four children: Elizabeth, John, Paul and Dorothy. Mr. Somers is prominent in several fraternal organizations, holding membership with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Red Men. He is a man of engaging social qualities, which win him friends, and he ranks prominently in

business circles. His position is attributable entirely to his own labors and he deserves much credit for what he accomplished, for he started out upon a humble financial plane. He has since closely studied the business situations with which he has been connected, has improved his opportunities and upon the sure foundation of industry and close application has builded his advancement.

JAMES T. CARPENTER.

James T. Carpenter, one of the active and successful business men of Oakwood, is a native of England born in Devonshire, January 12, 1864. He comes of sturdy stock and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Shepard) Carpenter, also natives of Devonshire, the former of whom departed this life at the old home in October, 1872, when our subject was eight years of age. In 1883 James T. Carpenter came with his mother to America and first settled at Elliott, Ford county, Illinois, where his mother is now living at the advanced age of eighty-two years. She had ten children, five of whom are living: William J., of Michigan; George, who resides with his mother in Ford county; James T.; Albert E., a resident of North Dakota; and Mary A., the wife of C. Payne living in Iowa.

The subject of this review was educated in the schools of England and grew up under the care of his mother. He was nineteen years of age when he came to America and he found employment on a farm in Ford county, Illinois. After working for wages for five years he was enabled to rent land and engage in farming for himself to good advantage and continued for several years in Ford county, during which he accumulated a modest capital that enabled him to start upon a farm of his own near Oakwood. This farm he has since operated and greatly improved, but he has not devoted his entire time to agriculture. By application and study he became a steam engineer and for the past six years has devoted a part of his time to that line. He is interested in coal mining in this county, owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in North Dakota, and has also laid out Carpenter's First Addition to the village of Oakwood, consisting of four and one-half acres, from which he has already sold a goodly portion. His various business ventures have proven successful and he is now living in a handsome residence of which he is the owner.

On December 19, 1889, Mr. Carpenter was united in marriage to Miss Emma J. Green, a daughter of David W. and Augusta (Haynes) Green, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Green seven are now living: Herbert, a farmer of Gibson City, Illinois; John, in the service of the United States government in Cuba; Melvina, the widow of Jacob Carr, of Carthage, Missouri; Victoria, the wife of C. T. Baxter, of Winfield, Kansas; Emma, the wife of J. T. Carpenter, of Vermilion county; Wilbert G., a farmer of this county; and Emmett H., of Danville, Illinois. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter: Elmer C., born September 20, 1890, is a graduate of the Oakwood high school and also of a business college

at Danville; Lester Harold who was born February 18, 1892, died at the age of fourteen months; and the third child died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Oakwood and earnest workers in its various causes. He has been for many years affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and belongs to Lodge No. 564 of Oakwood; Oakwood Encampment, No. 194, and Canton Danville, No. 11, Patriarchs Militant. He has devoted a great deal of time to the study of the principles of Odd Fellowship and has passed through all of the chairs of both named lodges and is at present captain of the drill corps of Canton Danville Lodge. He is considered by his brethren as being one of the best informed members upon all matters pertaining to the order that can be found in Vermilion county.

Mr. Carpenter is essentially a self-made man. Starting as a poor boy, he has climbed financially from the bottom of the ladder and has attained a position of independence, which should be a controlling desire in the mind of every young man. Having gained a place of responsibility by his own efforts, he is always ready and willing to extend a helping hand to every worthy aspirant and it is safe to say that no man in his part of the county has a greater number of true friends than the subject of this review. A man of pleasing address, wide-awake to the advancing spirit of the times and fully alive to the importance of making the best use of each day as it comes, Mr. Carpenter is a true representative of the opening decade of the twentieth century and a man whose usefulness apparently will be limited only by the opportunities by which he is surrounded.

R. L. HATFIELD, M. D.

Among the younger members of the medical fraternity in Danville is numbered Dr. R. L. Hatfield, whose laudable ambition and well developed skill have brought him to a prominent place in the ranks of the medical fraternity here. One of Ohio's native sons, he was born in Piqua on the 20th of June, 1879. His father, T. P. Hatfield, was a native of Miami county, Ohio, where he still resides, following the occupation of farming. He married Catherine LeFevre, also a native of Ohio.

In the public schools of his native city Dr. Hatfield pursued his early education and when he completed his literary course devoted one year to the study of medicine in a physician's office in that city. Later he entered the Chicago Medical College, in which he pursued a four years' course, being graduated with the class of 1903. For a year and a half he was house physician and surgeon at the Cook County Hospital of Chicago and added to his theoretical training the broad practical experience of hospital practice. In 1905 he came to Danville where he has since specialized in the treatment of diseases of women and in surgical practice. He has been accorded a liberal patronage and his skill and ability are evidenced in the excellent results which have followed his labors. Anything that tends to bring to man the key to the complex mystery

which we call life receives his earnest attention and consideration. He readily takes up any new idea which he believes will prove of practical value in the profession, yet is not quick to discard the old and time-tried remedial agencies the value of which has long been proven.

On the 26th of November, 1906, Dr. Hatfield was united in marriage to Miss Helen Webster, and has one daughter, Catherine. His fraternal relations are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Masons, and these organizations find him an exemplary representative, loyal to their teachings and interests. Both Dr. and Mrs. Hatfield occupy a prominent position socially and have many friends in Danville, their many good qualities commending them to the confidence, good will and friendship of all with whom they come in contact. In strictly professional lines Dr. Hatfield is connected with the Vermilion County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Physicians Club, and in the interchange of thought and interests in those organizations and in the discussion of vital questions relative to health, he gains much valuable knowledge and thus promotes his efficiency in his chosen field.

ROSS PHILLIPS.

Ross Phillips, whose identification with the business interests of Danville dates back from the time when he entered upon his business career, is today a member of the well known firm of Phillips Brothers, prominent grocery men of this city, now located at No. 902 North Vermilion street. His entire life has been passed in Vermilion county, for he was born in Bismarck, October 7, 1875, and is a son of Obadiah and Martha (Kidwell) Phillips, both of whom are still living. The father, who is also a native of Vermilion county, has for the past two years acceptably served as overseer of the poor. The mother is a native of Virginia and belongs to an old Virginia family.

During his boyhood Ross Phillips pursued his studies in the public schools of Danville and, having acquired a good practical education, he began clerking, being employed for about six years in several of the leading retail grocery stores of the city. In 1900 he embarked in business on his own account as a member of the firm of Phillips Brothers, opening a retail grocery establishment at No. 721 North Vermilion street. They have since moved to their present location and have built up an excellent trade, doing an annual business of about forty thousand dollars. Theirs is one of the leading establishments of the kind in the city and the stock which they carry insures the continuance of the patrons who have already come to them.

Ross Phillips was married in Cassopolis, Michigan, on the 8th of August, 1906, to Miss Nellie Jones, a native of that place and a daughter of William J. and Clara D. Jones, who are old residents of Michigan. This union has been blessed by two children: Donald and Virginia Margaret.

By his ballot Mr. Phillips supports the men and measures of the republican party but has never cared to enter into political life, preferring to devote his

entire time and attention to his home and business interests. He is a worthy member of the Immanuel Presbyterian church and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the National Protective Legion. He is senior vice commander of the Spanish War Veterans, having taken part in the war with Spain as a member of Battery A, Illinois National Guard and was stationed at Porto Rico for five months. He is one of Danville's popular and representative citizens and in business circles has made for himself an enviable position.

WALTER CHARLES LINDLEY.

Walter Charles Lindley, who although still a young man has already attained an enviable position at the bar of Vermilion county and is now successfully engaged in practice in Danville, is one of Illinois' native sons, his birth occurring in Big Spring township, Shelby county, July 12, 1880. His father, Alfred W. Lindley, was born in 1856 and was a son of Osmond Lindley and grandson of James Lindley, who came to this state from Guilford Court House, North Carolina, about 1827, and the family has since been prominently identified with the development and progress of Illinois. The father has become prominent in financial circles and is today the president of the Neoga National Bank and a director and formerly president of the First National Bank of Chrisman, Illinois. He married Miss Irena Carey, who was born in 1858 and belongs to a good old Quaker family, which originally settled in Rhode Island and from there removed southward to New Jersey and later to North Carolina, where they resided for many years at Washington Court House. About 1820 her grandfather and her father, Elias Carey, came north and settled in Highland county, Ohio, but later removed to Cincinnati and from there to Marion, Indiana. Subsequently the family became residents of Shelby county, Illinois.

Walter C. Lindley acquired his early education in the public schools and in 1897 was graduated from the high school of Neoga, Cumberland county, after which he entered the University of Illinois, attending the College of Literature and Arts, from which he received the degree of A. B. in 1901. He next attended the College of Law of the same institution and in 1904 was granted the LL. B. degree, standing at the head of his class in the College of Law and second highest in a class of two hundred and fifty in the entire university. While an undergraduate he was assistant editor and when in his senior year managing editor of *The Illini*, the daily newspaper published at the university. From 1901 to 1904 Mr. Lindley taught English in the academy of the same institution, at the same time studying law, being graduated on the 12th of June of the latter year. He passed the state bar examination on the 30th of the same month and on the 1st of July, 1904, began practice in Danville. He was in the employ of the firm of Penwell & Lindley until January 1, 1906, when he became a member of the firm of Lindley, Penwell & Lindley, which is still in existence. Since his admission to the bar he has given his undivided attention to his professional duties and has practiced in both the state and federal courts.

A young man of unusual ability and perseverance, he has met with marked success in his chosen calling and today ranks among the leading lawyers of Danville. He is also a member of the advisory committee of the College of Law to the board of trustees of the University of Illinois. He has never allowed anything to interfere with his professional duties and has been constantly engaged in the trial of cases.

By birthright Mr. Lindley was a member of the Friends church but on his removal from the community of that denomination he joined the Presbyterian church, with which he is now connected. At college he was a member of the honorary literary fraternity of Phi Beta Kappa; the honorary law fraternity of Theta Kappa Nu; the professional fraternity of Phi Delta Phi; and the college fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta, besides other societies of a literary and legal character. He is now a member of the Industrial Club of Danville and also the Danville Golf Club, and belongs to the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. By his ballot Mr. Lindley supports the men and measures of the republican party, taking that interest in politics which he deems to be the duty of every good citizen, and he was actively identified with the campaigns of 1904, 1906 and 1908 as a speaker in behalf of the republican candidates, including Roosevelt, Taft, Cannon and Deneen. In 1908 he was treasurer of the republican county central committee for Vermilion county. In connection with his profession he has become a prominent member of the State Bar Association, the Vermilion County Bar Association and the Commercial Law League of America, having served on special committees of the national organization, preparing and presenting to the national conventions of 1908 and 1909 special articles on subjects connected with the purpose of the league. He is much in demand as a public speaker and has a forceful and convincing manner of address. He is a young man of attractive social qualities, which render him popular while his laudable ambition augurs well for a successful future.

BERTHA E. TAYLOR.

On the roster of Westville officials appears the name of Bertha E. Taylor who, although but twenty-one years of age, is the efficient postmistress of the town in which her birth occurred on the 23d of January, 1889. Her parents were Dr. B. and Viola I. (Padgitt) Taylor, and in their home she spent the years of her girlhood, attending the public schools in the acquirement of her early education. Later she became a pupil in the Danville high school, after leaving the Washington school.

Upon putting aside her text-books Miss Taylor accepted a position as assistant in the Westville post office, continuing in that capacity for two years, and that her service in that connection was both faithful and acceptable is indicated by the fact that on the 1st of June, 1910, she was appointed to the office of postmistress. She possesses a bright, quick mind which has enabled her to readily comprehend and master the duties which devolve upon her in her offi-



BERTHA E. TAYLOR

cial capacity, in the execution of which she has displayed notable ability, promptness and loyalty. Although but twenty-one years of age when she became the head of the mail service of Westville, the efficiency with which she has performed the duties of the office has gained her the commendation of all concerned and her official record is a most creditable one.

Miss Taylor has spent almost her entire life in the town which now numbers her among its residents, and she is therefore well acquainted throughout the community. She is popular among a large circle of friends because of her many engaging qualities and her ability both as a vocal and instrumental musician is well known, a fact which, combined with her pleasing personality, makes her ever welcome in the social circles in which she moves.

WILLIAM PATTERSON.

William Patterson, now living retired at Oakwood, this county, has seen many vicissitudes in the course of a long career and now at that period of life when the body seeks rest and the mind reverts to the enlivening scenes of earlier days, he is enjoying among friends the repose which should always be the reward of a life of usefulness and well directed energy. Mr. Patterson is a native of Virginia and was born near Withville, February 11, 1824. He is the son of James and Sally (Halsey) Patterson, who were both natives of Virginia and lived there all their lives. They were parents of eleven children, of whom the subject of our review is the eldest.

William Patterson was educated in the public schools and continued at home until twenty-two years of age when he joined in the movement which has resulted in locating in Illinois the descendants of many of the old families of Virginia. Here he sought a permanent location quite a number of years before he finally settled. For three years he worked in the coal mines and at any other honorable occupation that presented itself. Then he formed a partnership and began farming, but later bought out his partner and operated the farm alone for a period of three years. He next rented another farm, which he conducted for ten years, and then bought a tract of land east of Pilot Grove, operating it for a short time, when he moved to Danville and after a brief stay at that place once more tried his fortune at farming. Finally he returned to Danville, where he followed teaming, hauling peaches and apples to Chicago and returning with merchandise. After five years in this line of work he attained a position where the independence he had so long sought appeared in view. He bought a farm in Oakwood township, which he operated until he retired in December, 1909, at Oakwood. As the result of many years of earnest application he is now the owner of an improved farm of eighty acres and also of a comfortable residence in Oakwood, which he acquired by much labor and self-denial and therefore appreciates as being the reward of his own efforts and not an unearned gift from another.

In 1846 Mr. Patterson was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Patterson, a native of Tazewell county, Virginia, and unto them were born nine children,

six of whom are now living: William, Fanny, John, Bell, Charles G. and Emma. His wife having been called away, Mr. Patterson was married to Susan C. Leonard, a native of Smith county, Virginia. Six children were the result of this union: Albert, a resident of Vermilion county; Nannie, living at home; Granville; Lilly, teaching school here; Stella and Goldie, both of Vermilion county.

Mr. Patterson ever since reaching his majority has been a supporter of the Democratic party, believing it to be the party that best can be trusted with the destiny of the state and nation. As the head of a large and growing family he has always attempted to perform his duty, extending to his children the opportunities of education which he himself did not possess, and in many ways making himself a useful member of the community. He is the possessor of many good qualities that have attracted friends and by his straightforward course through life he has gained and retained the confidence and respect of those with whom he is associated.

F. A. PERRIGO, M. D.

Among the prominent representatives of the medical profession, now successfully engaged in practice in Danville, is Dr. F. A. Perrigo, who was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the 22d of November, 1867, and is of French descent, though the family was founded in New York not many years after the landing of the Mayflower on the shores of this continent. His paternal great-grandfather was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, while his grandfather took up arms in the war of 1812. His father, W. H. Perrigo, was one of the pioneers of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he settled in 1843, and in latter years became one of the most extensive grain dealers of the west. In his business undertakings he met with substantial success, becoming one of the most prominent and wealthy men of Milwaukee. He was born in New York state in 1825 and passed away in 1908. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Bergh, was a native of Norway and died in 1883.

Dr. Perrigo acquired his early education in the public schools of Milwaukee and later attended the University of Wisconsin. Having an attack of the western fever, he then went west and roughed it on the ranges for seven years, punching cattle from Texas to Montana. At the end of that time he returned, satisfied to settle down to a more quiet existence, and took up the study of medicine, being graduated from Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago in 1898. Having received his degree, he then came to Danville the same year and has since built up an extensive and lucrative practice. He has made a specialty of surgery and the diseases of women and is now serving on the surgical staff of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. He stands high in the esteem of his professional brethren and is today a prominent member of the county, state and national medical societies.

In 1903, in Danville, Dr. Perrigo was united in marriage to Miss Florence Butts, a native of Ohio and a daughter of George Butts, who was for many

years master car builder for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad and was a well known and respected citizen of Danville. Two children blessed this union, namely: Robert W., born March 30, 1905; and Florence W., born May 8, 1908. Fraternally the Doctor is an honored member of the Masonic order, in which he has attained to the Knights Templar degree, and also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. He is always a genial, courteous gentleman, generous in disposition, and has many friends throughout the city. His attention is chiefly concentrated upon his profession and he is conscientious in the performance of all his duties.

WILLIAM D. KUYKENDALL.

Among the farmers now living in Illinois are some who came from the south before the Civil war and have ever since made their homes in this state, assisting in the great work of improvement that has brought about such a remarkable transformation and placed Illinois near the head of the column as one of the wealthiest and most popular states of the Union. Many of the young men arriving from the south were not at that time possessed of any abundance of this world's goods, but they had great faith and strong arms with which to win for themselves a place among strangers and these are two of the most important elements in the world when allied with a noble ambition—the ambition to own a home—one of the most inspiring ambitions that can take possession of any human being. William D. Kuykendall was among the fortunate ones who joined the movement to the rich lands of Vermilion county and here many of his dreams have been realized.

He was born in the western part of Virginia, February 11, 1831, a son of Luke and Elizabeth (Welch) Kuykendall, both of good Virginia stock. The mother died at her old home but the father was again married and came west to Indiana in 1855, moving to Vermilion county a short time afterward, where he became identified with farming interests and where he spent his last days. He was the father of three children by his first marriage, all of whom are now living, and five children by his second marriage, three of whom are living.

The subject of this review came west with his father and continued with him through the earlier years of manhood, but at the age of twenty-five he began on his own account upon a rented farm. After acquiring a small capital he purchased a farm in Blount township, which he conducted for one year, but at the termination of that period he disposed of it and removed to Danville, where he engaged for eighteen years consecutively in the livery business. He disposed of that business about 1889 and moved upon a farm which his wife owned in Middlefork township. Here he has since lived and has erected a handsome brick residence and otherwise greatly improved the place, making it one of the valuable and highly productive properties in his portion of the county. He and his wife are now the owners of more than twelve hundred acres of land in Middlefork township. Earlier in life Mr. Kuykendall made

a specialty of raising and feeding stock, but of recent years he has confined his efforts more closely to agriculture and with very gratifying results.

In 1863 Mr. Kuykendall was united in marriage to Miss Emily Jane Goliday, of Franklin county, Ohio. Three children were born of this union, two of whom are now living: Frank, a resident of Peoria, Illinois; and Jane, the wife of J. Freese, of Champaign county, this state. Mrs. Kuykendall having been called away, Mr. Kuykendall was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Martha J. Smith, who was born in Ross township, this county, a daughter of J. and Adaline (Moorehead) Smith, the father being a native of England and the mother of Virginia. Two children have been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Kuykendall: J. S., now living on the farm; and May, the wife of Dr. George W. Hughes, of Vermilion county.

Mr. Kuykendall gives his allegiance to the republican party, believing that it is the party best qualified to safeguard the interests of the state and nation. He has never held any public office except that of school director, but as a loyal citizen, a kind neighbor and a true friend to those with whom he is associated, he has at all times attempted to perform his whole duty. It is doubtful indeed whether any residents of Middlefork township are more truly entitled to the respect of the community than the subject of this sketch and his estimable wife.

H. T. HAWORTH.

H. T. Haworth, the efficient postmaster of Georgetown, is numbered among the worthy native sons of Vermilion county, his birth having here occurred on the 6th of July, 1869. His parents, Benjamin and Rebecca Ann Haworth, were both natives of Indiana, whence they came to this county in the '50s. Here they continued to reside until 1871, when they returned to the Hoosier state. After a short time, however, they again took up their abode in Vermilion county and it was here that the mother was called to her final rest in February, 1906. Benjamin Haworth then again returned to Indiana and is still living in that state, having now attained the age of eighty-three years. Unto him and his wife were born eleven children, eight of whom are yet living.

H. T. Haworth pursued his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. At that time he rented his father's farm and was busily engaged in its operation until 1901, when he took charge of the mail route, driving for five years. On the expiration of that period he was appointed postmaster of Georgetown and has since been the able and faithful incumbent in the office, discharging his duties in a business-like and practical manner.

On the 11th of April, 1892, Mr. Haworth was united in marriage to Miss Luranah W. Reid, who was born in Georgetown, Illinois, on the 9th of January, 1874, her parents being Darius B. and Sarah (Cowan) Reid. The father passed away in August, 1906, but the mother still survives and makes her home here. Their children were five in number. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Haworth were born two children, both of whom died in infancy.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Haworth has supported the men and measures of the republican party but has not sought nor desired office. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, while his wife belongs to the Eastern Star at Georgetown. He was reared in the Quaker faith and Mrs. Haworth is a Methodist in religious belief. They are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community and the number of their friends has steadily increased as the circle of their acquaintances has widened.

HENRY E. LINNE.

Among the business men of Danville who have won notable success in their chosen calling is Henry E. Linne, a prominent wholesale baker of this city. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born February 23, 1862, in Niederasphe, Marburg, Hessen, Germany, and is a son of John and Elizabeth Linne, also natives of that country, where the family have resided for many generations. In the land of his nativity he was reared and educated, being eighteen years of age when, in 1880, he emigrated to the new world and located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There he learned the baker's trade and continued to work for about four years.

The year 1883 witnessed Mr. Linne's arrival in Danville and here he was employed in several different shops before embarking in business on his own account in 1886. He then opened a bakery, though his capital at that time consisted of but one hundred and fifty dollars, and so steadily has he prospered as the years have gone by that he today is one of the leading wholesale bakers in this city, his plant having a capacity of seven hundred loaves an hour and in the dull season turning out about thirty-five hundred loaves a day. That he thoroughly understands the trade is manifest by the success that he has achieved and that he is a good, reliable business man is manifest by the patronage which he receives.

In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mr. Linne was married on the 25th of September, 1883, to Miss Anna C. Brömbach, a daughter of Adam Brömbach, of that city, and they have become the parents of three children, all born in Danville, namely: Harry A., born August 14, 1884; 'Amelia C., September 7, 1888; and Clarence, June 7, 1893.

Mr. Linne's religious belief is manifest by his membership in Immanuel Presbyterian church and in his fraternal relations he has attained the Knight Templar degree in Masonry and is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Although he takes an active interest in the success of the republican party, which he supports by his ballot, he has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. However, he takes a commendable interest in those organizations which help to build up the commercial interests of the country and is now serving as vice president of the State Association of Master Bakers of Illinois. He is a very pleasant, agreeable gentleman, who makes many

friends, and the place that he has made for himself in the new world is certainly well merited, for he began life here as a poor boy in a strange land, unfamiliar with the English language and customs, but by perseverance, industry and honesty has worked his way upward until he is today a man of affluence and prominence in the community where he resides.

JOHN F. BUROW.

John F. Burow, the proprietor of one of the largest and best equipped retail grocery establishments in Danville, has been identified with the mercantile interests of the city for more than a quarter of a century. His birth occurred in Danville township, Vermilion county, Illinois, on the 9th of April, 1858, his parents being Joseph and Sophia (Frederick) Burow, who celebrated their marriage in Germany. In 1857 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, coming direct to Danville, Illinois, where the father worked as a day laborer for a number of years, as his financial resources were quite limited. By dint of untiring industry and close economy he eventually accumulated capital sufficient to enable him to purchase a small farm and throughout the remainder of his life he devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits. He is still survived by his widow, who enjoys excellent health for a woman of her advanced age. Their children were as follows: John F., of this review; Frederick, who passed away in 1904; Ricka, the wife of Henry Waltman; and Sophia, the wife of John Barth.

John F. Burow attended the public schools of Danville until fourteen years of age, when he was obliged to put aside his text-books in order to assist in the support of the family. He first secured a position as general utility boy in the dry goods establishment of William Mann & Company at Danville and remained with the concern for six years. On the expiration of that period he took up the pursuits of farming and dairying in association with his mother, being thus busily engaged for five years. At the end of that time, having carefully saved his earnings since leaving the schoolroom, he found himself in possession of a capital of five hundred dollars, which in 1883 he invested in business, forming a partnership with Joseph Webster for the conduct of a retail grocery store at No. 900 East Fairchild street. The relation was maintained for three years, when, foreseeing the possibilities of success in an individual career, Mr. Burow purchased his partner's interest and with the aid of his sons has since built up an extensive and desirable trade. He has won an enviable reputation for reliability and integrity and the prosperity which he now enjoys is all the more creditable because it is directly attributable to his indefatigable energy and capable management.

On the 29th of December, 1883, in Danville, Mr. Burow was united in marriage to Miss Emma Bronsing, a daughter of Frederick Bronsing and a representative of an old pioneer family of this city. They have three sons, Edward, John F. and Harold, all natives of Danville, who were born in the years 1887,

1889 and 1899 respectively. The two oldest are associated with their father in business.

In politics Mr. Burow is a staunch republican and an active worker in the local ranks of the party. He acted as treasurer of Germantown for ten years and for a period of twelve years also discharged the duties devolving upon him as commissioner of highways. In the spring of 1910 he was reelected commissioner of highways for another three years' term, so that he is now serving in that capacity. During the past five years a sub postal station has been located in his store. In religious faith Mr. Burow is a Lutheran, while fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Honor, the Woodmen, the Eagles and the Red Men. He has lived his life to good purpose, recognizing and utilizing each opportunity as it has come to him, while the methods which he has ever pursued have been such as inspired the trust, confidence and good will of all with whom he has been associated. Vermilion county has always remained his home and the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

RALPH B. HOLMES.

Admitted to the bar in 1906, Ralph B. Holmes has since engaged in practice in Danville, and although one of the younger representatives of the legal profession here, has made substantial advancement in his chosen calling and has gained a position which many an older practitioner may well envy. He was born in Urbana, Illinois, February 28, 1874. His father, C. E. Holmes, was a native of Copenhagen, Denmark, and in his boyhood days came to the United States with his parents, who settled at Rockford, Illinois, whence they removed to Urbana in the '60s. C. E. Holmes became proprietor of a hotel conducting the Doan House successfully for a long period, but is now living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and rightly deserves. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Marie E. Vanderere, is a native of Urbana.

In the schools of his native city and of Danville Ralph B. Holmes pursued his early education and afterward entered the University of Chicago, and then engaged in teaching in the public schools of Danville, filling the position of principal for four years. In 1899 he was elected county superintendent and thus served for seven years, but thinking to find the practice of law a more congenial and profitable field, he began studying in the office and under the direction of Colonel George Buckingham and in 1906 was admitted to the bar. He began practice in Danville and has devoted his entire time to his profession, in which connection he is regarded as a rising young lawyer, whose ability has won him constant promotion. He possesses an excellent presence, earnest, dignified manner and marked strength of character, combined with a ready capacity for hard work, a thorough grasp of the law and the ability to accurately apply its principles.

There is an interesting military chapter in the life history of Mr. Holmes. He was a member of Battery A in which he served as second lieutenant. At

the time of the Spanish-American war he enlisted in Battery A of the First Illinois Artillery in 1898 and served in Porto Rico and elsewhere until the close of hostilities. He joined the organization as second lieutenant and during the war was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, while after his return he was made captain. After leaving the battery he served as adjutant of the artillery battalion with the rank of captain. He has been well trained in military tactics and is himself a good disciplinarian, ever enjoying the respect and confidence of those who serve under him.

In 1906 Mr. Holmes was married to Miss Mabel G. Helm, a native of Homer, Illinois, and they have two children: Jane, born July 6, 1907; and Burnham, born August 24, 1909. Mr. Holmes is a prominent Mason, attaining high rank in the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has always been a resident of Illinois and is deeply interested in the welfare and progress of the city in which he makes his home. His record since starting upon the practice of law has been marked by consecutive progress and his natural qualifications indicate that he will win higher advancement in his chosen field.

HOWARD A. SWALLOW.

Howard A. Swallow, a graduate of the Columbian Law School of Washington, D. C., has since 1902 engaged in the practice of law in his native city of Danville, and the eight years which have elapsed since have chronicled steady progress in his profession with increasing ability to handle intricate and important litigated interests. He was born August 18, 1878, and has therefore not yet reached the prime of life. His father, Charles M. Swallow, a native of Pennsylvania, came to Danville in 1871. The same year he completed his preparation for the practice of law by graduation from the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and in 1872 was admitted to the Vermillion county bar and opened a law office in Danville, where he continued in active and successful practice until 1899. He now spends the winter seasons in the south for the benefit of his health and takes no active part in his profession. He has previously served, however, at states attorney. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Clara Northrup, was a native of Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania, and died February 7, 1879.

Howard A. Swallow, the only son, is indebted to the public schools of Danville for the early educational advantages which he received. He afterward entered the Keystone Academy of Pennsylvania and was there graduated with the class of 1896. Later he attended Brown University at Providence, Rhode Island, and was graduated in 1900. His broad literary training enabled him to make rapid progress in his preparation for the bar, for his receptive mind and retentive memory qualified him to readily grasp the salient points in the science of jurisprudence. In 1902 he was graduated from the Columbian Law School at Washington, D. C., after which he joined his father in practice in Danville



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and has since remained an active member of the profession in this city. He prepares his cases with thoroughness and care and is seldom if ever at fault in the application of a legal principle. His mind is naturally analytical and in his reasoning he clearly points out the relation of cause and effect, his deduction being entirely logical.

In 1905 Mr. Swallow was united in marriage to Miss Grace Hamilton, a native of Providence, Rhode Island, and they have two children: Richard H., who was born August 16, 1906; and Barbara Northrup, born October 15, 1909. Theirs is a hospitable home, its good cheer being greatly enjoyed by their many friends in Danville. Mr. Swallow belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while in the Masonic fraternity he has attained a high degree of the Scottish Rite. He is recognized as one of the leading representatives of the republican party in Vermilion county and is serving as treasurer of the county republican central committee but has never been an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties. His devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial and he has already established himself in a successful and growing practice in his native city.

EDWIN RANDALL.

For sixteen years Edwin Randall has now been a resident of Danville and during that time has become prominently identified with the industrial interests of the city, being today president of the company operating the Eureka Lumber & Planing Mills. He is of English birth, born in London, February 8, 1874, and is a son of James and Eliza (Reed) Randall, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father was a brick and tile manufacturer at Bedford, where he died May 18, 1892, but the mother is still living and continues to reside in England.

Edwin Randall was principally reared and educated in Bedford and remained a resident of his native land during his minority. It was in 1896 that he crossed the ocean and came to the United States, making his home in Danville since that time. For the first eight years of his residence here he engaged in farming in Newell township, Vermilion county, but in 1904 began contracting along building lines in Danville and two years later established the Eureka Lumber & Planing Mills, which were incorporated with Mr. Randall as president and treasurer; E. M. Watson, vice president; and Mrs. Randall as secretary. They manufacture all kinds of building material and employ on an average from eight to ten men. Their business has doubled each year from the beginning and their trade extends throughout the surrounding country.

In Danville, March 1, 1898, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Randall and Miss Kate M. Gritton, a native of this county, and to them has been born one son, Harold, whose birth occurred in Danville, May 7, 1900. In religious faith they are Methodists and in his social relations Mr. Randall is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the One Hundred Thou-

sand Club. Since becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States he has affiliated with the republican party but has taken no active part in politics aside from voting. He is a progressive, wide-awake business man of known reliability, and the success that has come to him is but the just reward of his own industry and good management.

O. W. ALLISON, M. D.

Although one of the later arrivals of Catlin and numbered among the younger professional men of that village, Dr. O. W. Allison has, nevertheless, by reason of the comprehensive training and experience which he has received in the line of his profession, won a place for himself among the leading physicians and surgeons of the county, having already secured an extensive and representative practice which is constantly growing in volume and importance. One of Indiana's native sons, he was born in State Line on the 13th of December, 1876, a son of W. H. and Minerva (Daniels), Allison, the former born in Illinois and the latter in Indiana. Both parents still survive and make their home in State Line, Indiana. Their family consisted of two children, their daughter Kathrine being now the wife of L. Hotaling of Tuscola, Illinois.

Their only son, O. W. Allison, was reared under the parental roof and attended the public schools in the acquirement of his early education, passing through consecutive grades until his graduation from high school in due course of time. Later he attended school at Terre Haute, Indiana, from which he was graduated in 1901, and he received his professional training at the Rush Medical College of Chicago, winning his degree with the class of 1905. Immediately after his graduation from the latter institution he spent four months as interne in the Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago and later served for six months in a hospital at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Then, with thorough practical experience to serve as a supplement to his professional training, he came to Catlin in 1906, opening up an office here for the practice of his chosen calling, and has since made this town the field of his operations. Although his residence in this town has been comparatively brief, the position to which he has already attained is but another proof that ability and worth will ever win quick recognition. Still young in years, he has manifested in this, the beginning of his career, certain qualities which have already won him a foremost place in the medical ranks of the community and which augur well for continued and increasing success in the future. Something of his standing in the community is indicated by the fact that, in addition to an excellent private practice which has been accorded him he has been chosen medical examiner for various fraternal organizations and business enterprises, among which are the Modern Woodmen of America, the Court of Honor, the Illinois Life Insurance Company, the Interurban Traction Company and the Peoria Life Insurance Company.

It was on the 24th of December, 1907, that Dr. Allison laid the foundation for a happy home life by his marriage to Miss Lillian Benson, a native of

Vermilion county, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Benson. Her father still resides in this county, although the mother has passed away. Mrs. Allison is one of a family of four children and by her marriage to Dr. Allison has become the mother of a little daughter, Audray, born on the 1st of August, 1909. The parents occupy a prominent place in the social circles of the city, while Dr. Allison is well known in fraternal circles, being a member of Mound Lodge, No. 274, A. F. & A. M., of State Line, Indiana; Mayfield Lodge, No. 635, K. P., of Catlin; the Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 341, also of Catlin; and of the Court of Honor. Of these he has ever been an exemplary member, conforming his life to the high principles upon which the various crafts are based, and in both his private and professional life he has manifested those sterling traits of character which make for good citizenship in any community. His professional interests are promoted through his membership in the Vermilion County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and the Aesculapian Society of the Wabash valley.

CHARLES EDWIN BLYTHE.

This is an age of marked commercial activity and the man who wins prosperity must be alert, energetic and determined, must recognize and improve opportunities which others pass by heedlessly and must take advantage of every legitimate chance offered by the trade for the development and expansion of his particular enterprise. Possessing all these requisites, Charles Edwin Blythe is now successfully engaged in business as an undertaker and funeral director at Danville, Illinois.

He was born in Columbus, Wisconsin, on the 12th of April, 1868, and is a son of George and Mary E. (Keefer) Blythe, both of whom are still living and reside in Covington, Indiana, where the father is engaged in farming. He was born at Little Grimsby, near Lincolnshire, England, and came to America with his father and five brothers at the age of eight years, the family first settling in Chicago. Our subject's paternal grandmother lived to the extreme old age of one hundred and eight years, five months and twenty-three days, but she never came to the new world as her husband died one year after his arrival here. There are now twenty-nine of his male descendants living here, including numerous cousins and five uncles of our subject who are all hale and hearty.

Charles E. Blythe received his education in the public schools of Columbus, Wisconsin, and his first business venture was to engage in the general transfer business at Covington, Indiana, for six years. He came to Danville, February 1, 1903, and was engaged in the transfer and feed business with J. F. Clem. He continued in that line of trade until 1908, building up a very large and lucrative trade, his business amounting to several thousand dollars annually. In 1908 he sold out and embarked in his present line as an undertaker and funeral director. From a small beginning he has steadily enlarged his business.

and now has one of the best establishments of the kind in the county. He conducts the only cut rate undertaking place this side of Chicago.

On the 8th of April, 1896, Mr. Blythe was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Murray, a daughter of George Murray, of Covington, Indiana, his family being old settlers of that place. Both of Mrs. Blythe's parents are now deceased. In religious faith Mr. Blythe is a Methodist and he holds membership in the Matinee Association. He also belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Woodmen of the World. On national issues he usually affiliates with the republican party, but at local elections where no question is involved he votes for the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party ties. He stands for progress at all times and seeks his own success and the city's advancement by no devious methods but along lines of activity which will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

WILLIAM O. CUNNINGHAM.

It is to men like William O. Cunningham, a farmer of Newell township, that the prosperity of the country and the permanency of its institutions are largely due. A man of industry, perseverance and faithfulness in the realization of worthy ideas, he has lived to see his dreams come true and now, loved by his children and respected by the entire community, he is enjoying the fruits of a well earned repose.

His eyes first opened to the light of day on a farm in Newell township, December 15, 1838. He is a son of James and Mary (Andrews) Cunningham, the former of whom was a native of Kentucky and the latter of New York state. They met in Illinois and were here married, settling on a portion of the land now owned by the subject of this review and his family. They began housekeeping in the little log cabin, many years before the introduction of railroads and the telegraph; neighbors were few and far apart; and the country was still in a great measure in its primitive condition, few improvements being seen except in favorable locations on the streams and in the immediate vicinity of settlements. Indians still roamed over a large part of Illinois, wolves and wild animals often came at night to the very door of the house and aroused the inmates with their cries. It was years before the land was cleared, drained and plowed and redeemed to a state where it produced paying harvests. In the log house where Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham began their domestic life, all their children were born. The father conducted the farm until 1864, when he retired and made his home at State Line for thirty years. After that time he lived with the subject of this sketch until called away at the advanced age of ninety-one, in 1901, eleven years after the death of his wife.

William O. Cunningham remained at his boyhood home until he was eighteen years of age. He enjoyed such opportunities of education as were available in the district school and grew up a robust, ambitious young man not entirely satisfied to remain within the horizon that had bounded his vision since his youth. He yearned to see the world and, accordingly, in 1856, he went to

Nebraska, where he remained for one year, at the end of which time he resumed his journey westward across the plains and arrived in California, where he farmed and worked in the gold mines for three years. About 1863 he returned to Illinois and rented part of his father's land which he cultivated until 1866, when he bought two hundred and thirty acres of land and engaged in farming with such success that he now owns in this county five hundred and sixty acres and besides this has given to each of his seven children eighty acres of land or its equivalent. He also owns a tract of eighty-eight acres in Indiana and, as is easily to be seen, has been one of the most successful farmers in this region. This he has accomplished by the application of principles of industry and perseverance which he early learned and which seldom fail of their reward. At the present time he has seven hundred and ten acres of land.

On February 22, 1865, Mr. Cunningham was united in marriage to Miss Martha J. Chandler, who was born in Newell township and whose parents came to this county from Kentucky. Mrs. Chandler departed this life in 1892. Seven of their children are still living: Irvin, of Vermilion county; Alice, of Danville; James, of Indiana; Sophia, also of Danville; Porter, of Vermilion county; Minnie, now living in California; and Roy, of Rochester, Indiana. In March, 1893, Mr. Cunningham was married to Miss Henrietta Clem, a native of Indiana, whose father died in 1908 and whose mother is still living. She is the oldest of seven children, the other six being: Annie, August, Albert, Melvin, Grace and Margaret. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham four children have been born: Ray, who was born March 13, 1894; Mary, born February 25, 1898; Scott, born July 5, 1900; and Lowell, born August 3, 1903.

Politically Mr. Cunningham is affiliated with the republican party. He has devoted his attention to his private affairs and has not sought public office, although for two terms he served as assessor of his township, performing his duties with a fidelity that met the approval of tax payers generally. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 240, at Illiana, Indiana, and has filled all the chairs of the subordinate lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham and their family are members of the Christian church and for many years he has been a deacon in the church. He is an earnest believer in revealed religion and a follower of the great Master whose teachings were those of brotherhood and unselfishness. Mr. Cunningham has all his life been industrious, resolute and energetic in everything he has undertaken, and in his vocation as a farmer he has attained success by putting into actual practice the principles here named.

E. B. COOLLEY, M. D.

Dr. E. B. Coolley, a leading member of the medical fraternity in Vermilion county, has continuously practiced within its borders for more than two decades and since 1903 has been located at Danville. His birth occurred in Douglas county, Illinois, on the 17th of April, 1867, his parents being Rev. C. F. and Paulina (Biggs) Coolley, both of whom were natives of Indiana. The father, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister, was probably transferred less than any

other preacher on the circuit, making only one move in twenty-four years. For twelve years he expounded the gospel at Newman and subsequently spent a similar period at Fairmount, Illinois, his labors proving a potent force in the moral advancement of those communities. He was identified with the Lincoln (Ill.) University for two years. From the time of his ordination until his death he missed but one regular meeting of his presbytery (one out of sixty-one) and this was caused by fatal illness in his family. He passed away in 1905, having for eight years survived his wife, whose demise occurred in 1897. Unto them were born four children, as follows: Mrs. Dr. Burres, of Urbana, Illinois; Dr. E. B., of this review; Mrs. Etta Church, of Newman, Illinois; and Mrs. Dr. Hannell, of Lincoln, Illinois.

Dr. Coolley was graduated from Rush Medical College in 1889, at the age of twenty-one, and has practiced in Vermilion county since that time. He was elected president of the Vermilion County Medical Society in 1903 and of the Aesculapian Society, the oldest medical society west of the Allegheny mountains, in 1909, and secretary of the medical section of the Illinois State Medical Society in 1910. He has been a member of the medical staff of Lake View Hospital since his residence in Danville.

On the 11th of June, 1891, Dr. Coolley was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Fowler, a daughter of Wiley and Mary Fowler, of Pilot Grove, Vermilion county. They now have two children, namely: E. Burt, Jr., who was born March 11, 1894; and Marion Fowler, whose birth occurred August 10, 1898.

In fraternal circles Dr. Coolley has attained high rank, being now a thirty-second degree Mason and past thrice potentate of Danville Lodge of Perfection. He is likewise identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Woodmen. His wife has been active in club circles of Danville and has taken a prominent part in the work of organization. Dr. Coolley is fond of good horses and holds the Amateur record in several gentlemen's driving clubs, having won various cups. He spends his leisure time in this outdoor sport. He never bets on any kind of a race, however, but is merely interested for the pleasure it affords him. He has been president of Danville Matinee Club since its organization.

DAVID W. FITHIAN, D. D. S.

Dr. David W. Fithian, who is engaged in the practice of dentistry in Rossville, where he is also filling the position of village clerk, was born December 11, 1874, in this county. A son of E. C. B. and Anna (Hayes) Fithian. His father was a son of Dr. Williams Fithian, one of the first settlers in the county, and from that time to the present representatives of the name have taken an active and helpful part in carrying forward the work of progress and promoting the welfare and upbuilding of this section of the state. E. C. B. Fithian was born in the city of Danville and later removed to Fithian. He made farming his life work and upon that pursuit depended for a source of livelihood. He died about two years ago and his remains were interred in the Stearns cemetery near Fithian.

At the usual age Dr. Fithian of this review entered the district schools and after mastering the branches of learning therein taught became a pupil in the Danville high school. He then engaged in teaching for a year but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor, for at the end of that time he took up the study of dentistry, which he pursued in the office of a well known dentist of Springfield, Illinois. Later he entered the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, from which he was graduated in April, 1899. In the following month he came to Rossville, where he opened an office and has since remained in practice, covering a period of eleven years, during which he has made steady progress. His work in this connection is of excellent character. He keeps in touch with the advanced and improved methods of the profession, his office is equipped with the latest mechanical devices which are elements in operative dentistry and his knowledge of the science is manifest in the excellent work that he does. Aside from this he is one of the landowners of the community, having a farm of two hundred and twenty acres, situated two and a half miles south of Fithian, which town was named in honor of the members of his family of an earlier generation.

On the 5th of July, 1899, Dr. Fithian was united in marriage to Miss Jessie R. Fellows, a daughter of Edwin and Mary (Berkley) Fellows, of Vermilion county. Dr. Fithian belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp and to the Methodist Episcopal church. Along more strictly professional lines he is connected with the County Dental Society and with the Illinois State Dental Society. His political support is given to the republican party and he is now serving as village clerk, which position he has filled for eight years. His life has been actuated by a public-spirited devotion to the general good and his efforts have been effective and far-reaching forces in the upbuilding and progress of the community. He has made a creditable record as a citizen, as practitioner and in the social relations of life and few men are more popular or more widely known in his portion of the county than Dr. Fithian.

GEORGE G. MABIN.

For a third of a century, George G. Mabin has been regarded as one of the leading attorneys of Danville. Unflagging application, intuitive wisdom and a determination to fully utilize the means at hand are the concomitants which ensure personal success and prestige in this great profession which stands as a stern conservator of justice. Mr. Mabin possesses these qualities and in the practice of his chosen profession has met with most excellent success.

A native of Tennessee, he was born in Memphis, March 30, 1853, his parents being Howard and Mary (Lee) Mabin, natives of Ireland and Tennessee respectively. The father was a young man at the time of his emigration to the United States, at which time he settled in Tennessee, and when the Civil war broke out, he joined the Confederate army, being killed in the siege of Vicksburg. George G. Mabin was a mere boy when he came to this state and is indebted to the public schools of Illinois for the early educational privileges he

enjoyed. Later he attended the University of Illinois and after coming to Vermilion county, in 1875, successfully engaged in teaching for two years, studying law at the same time. He was admitted to the bar in 1877 and at once opened an office in Danville, where he has since practiced with good success.

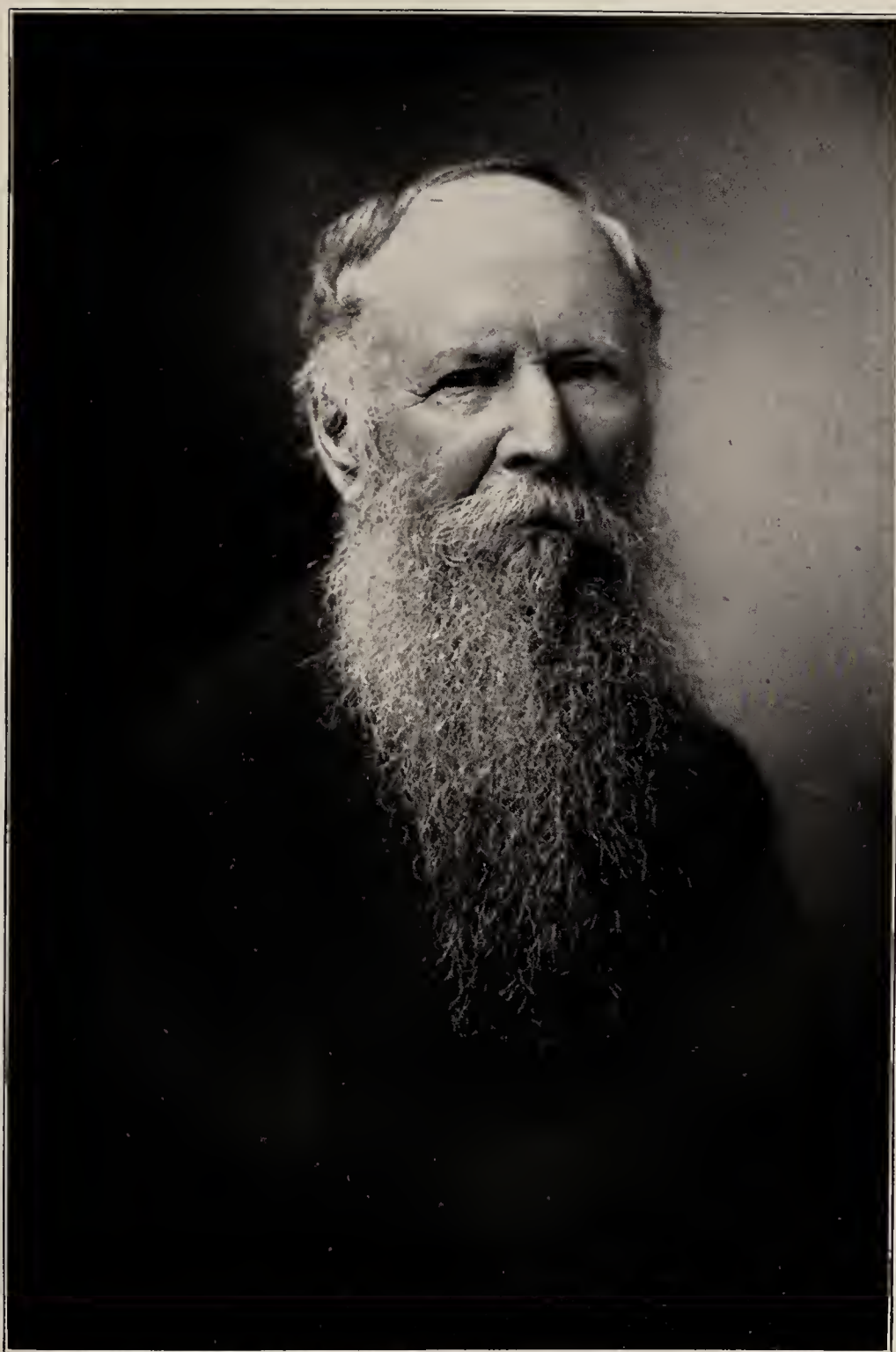
In 1881, Mr. Mabin was united in marriage to Miss Margaretta Henderson, a native of Ohio, whose father was a minister. They have become the parents of two children, namely: Gordon H. and Isabel. The son is a graduate of the Danville high school and the University of Chicago and was admitted to the bar in 1910, but he prefers farming to a professional career and is now operating a large tract of land belonging to his father in Mississippi.

As a republican, Mr. Mabin has taken quite a prominent and influential part in public affairs and during the '80s was three times elected city attorney of Danville, serving in all six years. Throughout his incumbency in public office, he proved a very capable official at all times, proving true to the trust reposed in him and performing the duties that devolved upon him with an efficiency that not only brought credit to himself but reflected honor upon his constituents. Preeminently a man of affairs, his has been a life of continuous activity which has been crowned with substantial success. Outspoken and honest, he is never afraid to express his views, but always accords to others the right of an opinion.

WILLIAM HAWKINS.

Spending the evening of life in his beautiful home in Catlin, William Hawkins is now living in honorable retirement, enjoying in well earned rest the success that came to him as the logical result of well directed effort and earnest endeavor. One of Indiana's contributions to the citizenship of Illinois, he was born in Wayne county, that state, on the first of January, 1831, a son of Nathan and Sarah (Wright) Hawkins, both natives of Indiana, where their entire lives were spent. In that state they reared their family, consisting of ten children, of which number six are yet living. The Hawkins family came originally from Ireland but, being Quakers, were driven from that county on account of their religious belief and first settled in Jamaica. Shortly afterward they came to the United States, no long after the first settlement was made at Jamestown, and located in what is now South Carolina, near the city of Charleston. Later the family scattered throughout the northern and eastern states and when the west was open for settlement some of the more adventurous moved to the new country. Today representatives of the name are found all over the country.

William Hawkins is indebted to the common schools of his native state for the educational advantages acquired, and in the Indiana homestead he spent the period of his boyhood and youth, assisting his father in the work of the fields when not busily engaged with his text-books. At an early age he became familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad, and with the passing of the years, as he increased in strength and experience, his duties became more and more important and his training in agricultural lines thorough



WILLIAM HAWKINS

and comprehensive. He remained with his parents until twenty-six years of age, when he married and started out in the business world on his own account, wisely choosing as a life work the occupation to which he had been reared.

In March, 1860, Mr. Hawkins arrived in Vermilion county, Illinois, and here rented a farm which he operated until August, 1862, when, putting aside all personal interests, he enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a corporal in Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Regiment. He served for three years, or throughout the remainder of hostilities, being mustered out with the rank of sergeant. He participated in many of the hotly contested and important engagements of the war, including the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, Missionary Ridge, and the engagement at Perryville, Kentucky, and many others, and also marched with Sherman to the sea. He received an honorable discharge at Washington, D. C., and returned home with a most creditable military career.

After the close of the war Mr. Hawkins returned to Vermilion county and here purchased eighty acres of land, upon which he made his home. For a number of years he devoted his time and attention to the further development and improvement of his place, and in connection with general farming he engaged in stock-raising, making a specialty of raising and feeding cattle and hogs. The thorough training which he received in the early days upon his father's farm well fitted him for the successful conduct of an enterprise of this character, and his keen business sagacity and his wise management were resultant factors in the success which attended his efforts. His prosperity was most substantial and gratifying and at last made it possible for him to retire from active business life and enjoy in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. Consequently, in 1905 he left the farm and came to Catlin, where he built the beautiful residence which is now his home. As he prospered he constantly added to his possessions until now he is the owner of over three hundred acres of rich and valuable land in addition to his town property and is recognized as one of the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

In March, 1855, Mr. Hawkins was united in marriage to Miss Duannah Burgoin, a native of Ohio, and unto them were born five children, namely: Elizabeth, the wife of George Patterson, of Catlin; Nora B., who married Thomas A. Church, of Catlin township; Luella, the wife of Arthur Woods, also residing in this township; Marietta, the wife of Gale Taylor, making his home in Catlin township; and William, deceased. On the 23d of November, 1895, the wife and mother passed away, and on the 4th of March, 1898, Mr. Hawkins was again united in marriage, his second union being with Mrs. Tina (Payne) Shelton, who was born in Livingston county, Illinois, and was a daughter of Squire L. and Margaret Payne, both now deceased. She was one of a family of nine children, and by her marriage to Mr. Shelton became the mother of five children, as follows: Frank, now deceased; Hattie, the wife of T. W. Church, of Vermilion county; Maggie, the wife of Oscar Kidd; Clara, single, living in this county; and Edna, who married Roy Clingan of this county.

The religious faith of Mr. Hawkins is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church of Catlin, to which his wife also belongs, and they are

well known socially, the hospitality of their home being enjoyed by a large circle of warm friends. Fraternally Mr. Hawkins is connected with the blue lodge of Masons, No. 285, at Catlin, in which he has filled part of the chairs, and maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic at Georgetown. Politically he is a republican, giving stanch allegiance to the party which was the support of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war, and although he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, he served as a school director for several years, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. Although he has long since passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he yet takes a deep interest in public affairs, keeping well posted on the questions and issues of the day, and is recognized as one of Catlin's honored and valued citizens.

CHARLES N. KNOX.

Born in Oakwood township, May 4, 1860, Charles N. Knox is a farmer who has gained an enviable reputation for the success in the county where he has lived ever since his birth. His father was also a native of this county and was here married in 1850 to Martha Norris, a native of Brown county, Ohio. He was a man of fine character and marked intellectual traits and after his marriage began the practice of medicine, in which he continued with a good measure of success until he was called away April 1, 1863. Four children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Knox: Frank, now a resident of Butler county, Kansas; A. D., of Cincinnati, Ohio; Charles N., the subject of this review; and James A., who died April 4, 1897. Four years after the death of her first husband the mother was married to William Meade, a farmer of this county, and had three children by her second husband: Irvin M., now of Jefferson county, Illinois; and Delbert and Robert, both of Vermilion county. After her second marriage she resided upon a farm in Oakwood township until called away by death July 24, 1900. Mr. Meade, who proved a kind protector to the family, departed this life in February, 1902.

Charles N. Knox received his education in the district schools and assisted in the work of the farm during the years of his boyhood until he arrived at maturity. After his marriage he located upon a farm near Oakwood, it being a part of the old homestead which had passed into the possession of his wife. Here he made many improvements and during the years that have elapsed has added one hundred and twenty-five acres to the original tract, so that now he and his wife own a highly developed farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres, the general appearance of buildings and the farm itself indicating that Mr. Knox is up-to-date in his ideas and has made practical use of modern methods. He has always been an admirer of fine breeds of stock, for the farm as well as for any other use to which they may be applied, and he has been a fancier of Percheron Norman horses and owns some of the finest animals of that kind in the county. He has also handled other stock of good quality such

as cattle and hogs and by the application of practical ideas attained in this branch of industry a marked degree of success. He and his wife now live in a beautiful home in Oakwood, which is the center for many gatherings of friends and acquaintances of the family.

On September 22, 1881, Mr. Knox was united in marriage to Miss Ella M. Fox, a daughter of George A. and Margaret (Oakwood) Fox, her father being a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, and her mother of Brown county, Ohio. The latter came with her parents to this county in 1832 and Mr. Fox came alone about 1850 and here they became acquainted and on September 9, 1854, were married. Mr. Fox was a respected farmer, who had a wide acquaintance in this part of the county, his death, which occurred October 14, 1900, being a matter of sincere regret. He was preceded to the grave by his wife, who was called away July 30, 1899. At the time of their departure they owned a farm of sixty-five acres. They were the parents of six children: William H., Abraham L., Eli H., Grant, George F. and Ella N. To Mr. and Mrs. Knox three children have been born. Florence, who was born August 9, 1888, received a fine education and, being granted a diploma as a school teacher, has taught for four years and still engages in the work, being highly popular as a teacher and as an active member of the community. John C., born March 25, 1892, is a graduate of the Oakwood high school. Blanche, born January 21, 1894, is now pursuing her studies in the final year of the high-school course.

Mr. Knox years ago became affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, No. 872, of Oakwood, and has served as treasurer of that organization. He is also a member of Lodge No. 332, B. P. O. E., of Danville, and of Lodge No. 1727, M. W. A., of Oakwood. He and his family are closely affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church and both he and Mrs. Knox are stanch advocates of the value of education, as is shown by the excellent advantages which they have extended to their children. He is an intelligent, active and progressive citizen, belonging to that sort of men that keep business alive and moving and who constitute the basis of our civilization.

WILLIAM H. JOHNS.

Earnest and eminently capable, it is not strange that William H. Johns should have attained an enviable position in the business circles of Danville, nor that the city should profit directly or indirectly by his efforts. He was one of those successful Americans whose success is measured not only by material gain but also by intellectuality, aggressiveness, independence of spirit and sincerity of purpose. He was one of Vermilion county's native sons, his birth having occurred July 14, 1845, on his father's farm on the old Ottawa road.

His parents were John and Mary (Humphrey) Johns. The name of the former is engraven deeply upon the pages of pioneer history, for he was among the first settlers of Vermilion county, taking up his abode here in 1829 ere the Indians had left this part of the state to make way for the civilization of the white race. His birth occurred in Kentucky on the 25th of May, 1805, and his

father was Judge George W. Johns, who was also born in the Blue Grass state and followed the occupation of farming. On leaving the south he crossed the Ohio river into Indiana and continued his residence in that state until his demise. John Johns accompanied his parents on their removal to Vigo county, Indiana, and through his youthful days met the usual hardships and difficulties which fall to the lot of the pioneer. He labored on the home farm, converting wild prairie into productive fields, and adding to the place such equipment as at that time indicated the march of progress along agricultural lines. He lived in Indiana until 1828 and spent the succeeding year in his native county in Kentucky. In 1829, however, he arrived in Vermilion county, Illinois, finding here the same conditions of frontier life which he had previously met in Indiana. Securing a tract of wild prairie and timber land in Blount township, he began the development of that place and evidences of his labor were soon seen in the cultivated fields, well kept fences and the substantial buildings which he put upon his farm. Tree by tree was cut down and the stumps grubbed up that the land might be plowed and planted, and he carefully carried on the work of general farming until 1866, when he retired to private life and removed to Danville to enjoy there the fruits of his former toil in a comfortable home which he occupied until his death.

John Johns gave his early political support to the whig party and when the new republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery he joined its ranks. He was twice elected to represent his ward on the board of city aldermen of Danville and was also a member of the state school board. He ever kept well informed on the issues and questions of the day and was always ready to support his position by intelligent argument. Both he and his wife held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Danville and were earnest and active supporters not only of the church but also of the temperance cause and of every movement that works for righteousness, truth and justice. The first Methodist services held in Vermilion county were on his farm in Blount township in 1829. He was honored wherever known because of his many sterling traits of character and his fidelity to the best interests of citizenship.

John Johns was married three times. For his first wife he wedded Miss Mary Humphrey, a daughter of John Humphrey, of Virginia, who removed from the Old Dominion to Kentucky, where he entered land from the government and developed a farm. By this marriage there were the following children: John, who was a soldier in the Civil war; Sarah, the deceased wife of Perry Copeland; Eliza, who became the wife of J. H. Miller and who has passed away; Sue, a resident of Danville; Martha, who married R. S. Partlow, of Oregon and is deceased; Margaret, the deceased wife of Charles Hacker; and William H. Mr. John's second wife was a sister of the first, while his third wife bore the maiden name of Miss Jane Myers. At her death she left a son and daughter; Charles, who is employed as clerk in Klein's clothing store of Danville; and Amelia who is engaged in the millinery business in this city.

Of this family William H. Johns spent his entire life in Vermilion county, supplementing his early educational advantages by study in the Danville Methodist Seminary. He was a young man in his teens when he responded to the country's call for aid to crush out the rebellion in the south, enlisting in Com-

pany K, One Hundred and Thirty-Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served during the entire time of his enlistment. He made a creditable military record by his unfaltering loyalty to duty, performing faithfully every service whether called to the lonely picket line or stationed on the firing line. After receiving an honorable discharge he returned home and became identified with commercial interests in Danville as proprietor of a grocery store. In that business he was quite successful and continued in that line for a number of years, after which he became associated with C. H. Giddings in the real-estate business. They bought and sold much property, negotiating many important realty transfers, and through their operation contributed directly to the welfare and upbuilding of the city.

He was thoroughly conversant with the value of property, knew what was upon the market and was thus able to assist his clients in making judicious investments.

In 1875 Mr. Johns was united in marriage to Miss Eva G. Swannell, a daughter of John Swannell, who was of English birth. He was a cabinet-maker by trade and owned and conducted a store in Danville, having arrived in this city at an early day in its business development. He had the first turning lathe ever brought to Danville and was well known as an early maker of furniture here. After the outbreak of hostilities between the north and the south he responded to the country's call for troops and was assigned to duty with Company A, Seventy-first Regiment of Illinois Infantry, with which he entered the battle of Fort Donelson and there gave his life in defense of the principles for which the Union army stood. It was his daughter Eva who became the wife of William H. Johns and of this marriage there were born two daughters, Nellie and Evelyn.

In his political views Mr. Johns was an earnest republican, supporting the party from the time he attained his majority until his demise. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Modern Woodmen camp, and his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church. He possessed many sterling traits of character, so that when he passed away on the 1st of May, 1899, the community lost an upright and valued citizen. He stood for progress along all lines and there was in his life history not a single esoteric phase. He was always a resident of Vermilion county and from his boyhood to his death he exemplified in his life those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime awaken confidence and regard.

ANDREW JOHN DALLSTREAM.

Beautiful must have been the life over which such a transcendent eulogy is pronounced as appeared in one of the local papers when Andrew John Dallstream passed away, which said: "His conduct was so exemplary, his disposition so kind and gentle, his nature so lovable and withal he was so upright, honorable and generous that no man, woman or child had aught to say against him." At the time of his death Mr. Dallstream had been a resident of Hoopes-ton for thirteen years.

He was a native of Wernersborg, Sweden, born on the 6th of January, 1865, and during his early childhood he accompanied his parents, John and Catherine (Johnson) Dallstream, on their removal to one of the suburbs of Stockholm. His ancestors at a more remote period were wealthy farmers and landowners of that country. The father served as a soldier in the Swedish army and was a sailor and sea captain for many years. He came alone to America in 1870, settling near Utica, New York, but some accident befell him and the family never heard from him again. There were two children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Dallstream, the sister of Andrew J. being three years younger than himself. While living at Stockholm Andrew J. Dallstream became employed in a porcelain factory and because of the dust which he inhaled contracted a pulmonary complaint from which he suffered throughout the remainder of his life. He continued a resident of Sweden until 1880, when, at the age of fifteen years, he crossed the Atlantic to America, attracted by the broader business opportunities of the new world, his mother and sister remaining in Sweden. One of the local papers thus described him: "He was about fifteen years old then, a little lad with a little cap and a tassel on it. He couldn't speak English then but he brought his manners with him. He was soon known by everybody in Hoopeston for, though quiet, he was ever sociable, and always saluted you with a good-natured smile."

Arriving in Hoopeston, Mr. Dallstream entered the employ of his uncle, Joseph Dallstream, a shoe merchant of this city, with whom he was connected continuously until the time of his death. He at once found favor with the patrons of the store, for he was always obliging, courteous and kindly. Moreover his business integrity was proverbial and all recognized the fact that his statement of the quality of goods was a sure guarantee.

On the 26th of October, 1887, Mr. Dallstream was united in marriage to Miss Lida Loveless, of Milford, Illinois, whom he met while conducting a shoe store there for his uncle for a brief period. Mrs. Dallstream is a daughter of Thomas and Harriet (Funk) Loveless, of Milford, her father being a pioneer farmer and stock-dealer of that locality, now living retired. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dallstream were born two children: Lillian C., who was born December 17, 1889, and died July 21, 1909, when in her twentieth year: and Andrew J., Jr., who was born April 29, 1893, and is now in school. About 1888 the death of Mr. Dallstream's sister occurred and three years later he sent for his mother to come and make her home with him. Those who had known and benefited by the kindness, gentleness and noble soul of the son then knew from whom he had inherited those qualities when they met the kindly old lady who had left her native country and crossed the sea alone to give the remaining days of her usefulness to those left whom she loved — her son and his family. To his mother Mr. Dallstream ever manifested a most filial devotion, repaying her thus for the care and love which surrounded him in his youth.

In his political views Mr. Dallstream was a republican, earnestly advocating the party principles. He was a public-spirited man, and in so far as possible aided the various public projects for the general good. At the time of his death he was serving as township clerk of Grant township, and such was his popularity that he had no opposition for the nomination, and after he was

made the republican candidate the democrats would not nominate any one against him. All of his duties in this office as well as in other stations of life where any responsibility rested upon him, were discharged with the utmost fidelity. He was well known in fraternal relations, and in his life exemplified the beneficent spirit of the orders with which he was associated. He belonged to the Masonic lodge and chapter at Hoopeston and of the latter was secretary. He was also a member of the Hoopeston Camp, No. 257, M. W. A., of which he served as clerk, and he likewise belonged to Hoopeston Lodge, No. 195, K. P. Above and beyond all of his business and fraternal relations, however, he regarded his connection with the church. He held membership in the Methodist denomination, was most loyal to its teachings and faithful to his professions. He was so warm-hearted and so catholic in spirit that his friends were not limited to the membership of his own church—a fact which is indicated by the ready response which was made when members of the Presbyterian, Universalist, Christian and Methodist church choirs were asked to sing at the funeral.

During the period of his residence in Hoopeston Mr. Dallstream suffered at times as the result of the pulmonary trouble which he had contracted in his youth, and although this was not the direct cause of his death, it undoubtedly greatly hastened the end. He bore intense suffering with the greatest heroism, making no complaint, until his eyes closed in dreamless sleep on the 25th of June, 1893. His funeral was one of the most largely attended in Hoopeston. The services were conducted by the Rev. E. S. Wamsley, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Lester, Rev. K. M. Haff and Rev. V. C. Randolph. The services were attended by the Masonic, Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen lodges in a body, the former having charge. The funeral escort consisted of two hundred men of the home lodge and visiting brothers from Rossville, Milford, Wellington and other points. The business houses of Hoopeston were closed during the hour of the service and the whole city mourned the dead. At the grave the Masonic ritualistic services were performed. The following resolutions were passed at the regular meeting of Hoopeston Lodge, No. 195, K. of P., Tuesday evening.

Whereas, The Universal Chancellor Commander, in his wisdom, has seen fit to remove from his family, his friends and his lodge our brother, Andrew John Dallstream; and

Whereas, His character as a member of this lodge, his reputation in the community and his standing as an honorable and upright citizen demand an official expression from those intimately associated with him as to our appreciation of his many manly qualities and our sorrow at his untimely end; therefore be it

Resolved, That while we deplore his early death, we will cherish his memory and strive to emulate his example; and

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved wife and little children and to his aged mother our sincere sympathy and commend them to Him who doeth all things well; and

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the records of Hoopeston Lodge, No. 195, K. of P.; that an engrossed copy thereof be presented to his

family, and that the city papers be requested to publish them in their columns; and

Resolved, That in token of our respect for our departed brother the charter of our lodge be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

CHAS. W. WARNER,

J. W. HEATON,

JOHN KING,

Committee.

One of the local papers said: "When a young man has so lived that, in a quiet life, he has gained the friendship, love and esteem of all of his acquaintances, he has lived well. When a boy, coming from a foreign land, so conducts himself that at his death the tears of our grief bring to quick maturity in our recollections his many noble traits of character and gentleness of heart, though they leave us only pallid shades of memory, he has lived a noble life. To have been the friend of such a boy gives a most delicious peace. In this friendship Andrew J. Dallstream, lived content, and in this friendship he died—a noble boy, generous, high-souled, true." A life so full of noble purpose and manly principles as that of Andrew J. Dallstream seems not to end, even though death comes, for the influence and memory remain and the hearts of those that are left behind echo the words:

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead—He is just away!
With a cherry smile and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.
And you—O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return,
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;
Think of him still as the same, I say:
He is not dead—he is just away!

JAMES FRANKLYN SNAPP.

James Franklyn Snapp, whose demise occurred on the 1st of November, 1897, was for a number of years actively and successfully identified with the agricultural and mercantile interests of Vermilion county, conducting a store at Georgetown until the time of his death. His natal day was September 6, 1844. His first business venture was as a wagonmaker of Georgetown, but subsequently he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and for seven years devoted his time and energies to the operation of a farm situated nine miles west of Georgetown. He next became identified with mercantile interests as the proprietor of a grocery store at Georgetown and successfully conducted the enterprise until called to his final rest at the age of fifty-three



MR. AND MRS. JAMES F. SNAPP

years. He remained a resident of Vermilion county throughout his entire life and was well known and highly esteemed within its borders.

Mr. Snapp was twice married. On the 22d of January, 1867, he wedded Miss Estella A. Lumbard, of Georgetown, who passed away on the 26th of October, 1879. On the 26th of January, 1882, he was again married, his second union being with Callie M. Sandusky, whose birth occurred on the 18th of October, 1851. To them were born three children, namely: Leah B., who married Clarence Wortham and has two children, Maxwell and Clarence; Ivan, who is now in the United States navy; and William, at home. Mrs. Snapp was formerly the wife of Benjamin F. Eveninger, by whom she had two children: Mary, who is now the wife of David Ramey and has two children, Mildred and John; and Josie, who is the wife of Elliott Hoopeston and has four children, Fern, Ralph, Elma and Donald.

William and Mary E. (Baum) Sandusky, the parents of Mrs. Snapp, celebrated their marriage at Indianola, Illinois, then known as Chillicothe. The father, who was born near Riola, Illinois, followed farming throughout practically his entire life and owned fifteen hundred acres of valuable land at the time of his death in January, 1910. The grandfather of Mrs. Snapp was one of the first settlers in this part of the state, taking up his abode here when the Indians still maintained a hostile attitude toward the pioneers. Her greatgrandfather was captured by Indians at Indianola and tortured until he revealed the hiding place of his valuables, which they stole. He lived to attain the remarkable age of one hundred and four years and on the one hundredth anniversary of his birth held a party which was attended by more than one hundred grandchildren and relatives. Mrs. Snapp still makes her home in Georgetown and has a host of warm friends throughout the community.

THOMAS WILLIAMS.

One cannot carry his investigations far into the history of Vermilion county without learning of the important part which Thomas Williams took in shaping its annals. He came here in pioneer times, when Danville was a tiny village and long before Hoopeston had been dreamed of, and upon the present site of the latter city engaged in herding sheep. It was possible in those days to follow his flocks at will over the prairies, for few settlements had been made and scarcely any fences had been built, so that the open prairies offered unlimited feeding ground for stock. As the years passed on Mr. Williams engaged extensively in farming and stock-raising and came to be one of the most prosperous and one of the most honorable business men of the county.

He was born November 29, 1828, in Harrison county, Ohio. His parents were Nathan and Sarah (Hoopes) Williams, whose family numbered ten children, Thomas being the fifth in order of birth. The father was a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and, removing to Ohio, lived in Harrison county to the time of his death, which occurred in 1841. His widow survived him for many years, living in Ohio until after her children had reached adult age,

when she came to make her home with her son Thomas in Vermilion county, She had passed the seventy-ninth milestone on life's journey when called to her final rest in 1881. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Williams were faithful members of the Society of Friends.

Thomas Williams was a youth of twelve years when his father died, after which he remained with his mother in Ohio until nineteen years of age and then sought employment in Marion county, Ohio, entering the service of his uncle, Thomas Hoopes. For seven years he worked by the month at farm labor, after which he came to Illinois, bringing with him four hundred sheep. He drove the flock through Marion county, Ohio, a distance of four hundred miles, to the present site of Hoopeston, reaching his destination October 20, 1853, after traveling thirty days. He lived through the ensuing winter with Samuel Gilbert and devoted his energies to the care of the sheep, which he fed in the timber south of Rossville. The following spring he took up his abode on a farm owned by Mr. Hoopes on section 11, Grant township, northwest of the present site of Hoopeston. The country was then largely unsettled, his nearest neighbor being two and one-half miles to the south, while he had to travel eight miles northward before he came to a habitation. Wolves were numerous and Mr. Williams and his hired man must needs be constantly on the alert to keep them away from the sheep. The dogs would chase the wolves for a short distance and then the latter would turn on the dogs, driving them back to the house. He provided a wolf-proof pound in which the sheep were driven when evening fell, yet he had to be constantly on the alert to protect his flocks from the depredations of the wild beasts. At the end of two years he was the owner of a flock of eight hundred sheep, but the long, hard winter and the rattlesnakes made sad havoc among live stock and he lost so many of his animals that he was obliged to depend upon other resources for a living. Purchasing five yoke of oxen and a breaking plow, he devoted his time for three years to the arduous task of breaking prairie. The work, however, brought him good return, for he made one hundred dollars per month in that way in the summer seasons. He also took advantage of the opportunity to secure government land, preempting one hundred and sixty acres in Iroquois county, upon which he made substantial improvements prior to his marriage.

Mr. Williams completed his arrangements for having a home of his own when on the 9th of June, 1859, he wedded Miss Lavina McFarland, of Iroquois county, who was born in Marion county, Ohio. Her parents, Andrew and Sarah (Craig) McFarland, had settled in Illinois in 1854 and at their home in Iroquois county Mrs. Williams remained until her marriage. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Williams were born six children, but only two are now living, Charles C. and Frank H. Another son, Walter W., reached adult age but is now deceased.

The original home of Mr. Williams to which he brought his bride was composed of a small frame house which he erected and to which he added a house standing near by, thus forming quite a comfortable abode for those times. They occupied that residence until Christmas of 1859, when they removed to a farm in the vicinity of Hoopeston—the same on which Mr. Williams had herded sheep. He rented and cultivated that land until 1863, in which year he removed to a farm southwest of Hoopeston that he occupied for six years. He

there engaged in raising cattle, having purchased seventy-five head. Prospering in his undertakings, he made judicious investments in land, becoming the owner of five hundred acres partially improved, known as the Churchill Boardman farm. At that time he concentrated his energies largely upon stock-raising, which business he conducted successfully until after the building of the railroad through this section, when he devoted his time more generally to farming. He shipped the first carload of cattle ever sent from Grant township. His farming and stock-raising interests were both carefully and intelligently conducted and in the management of his agricultural interests he met with success until 1870, when he met with an accident which resulted in the breaking of his leg.

Thereafter he left the farm and began buying grain in Hoopeston, where he also operated an elevator in partnership with A. T. Catherwood. Gradually they extended the field of their operations during the seven years in which the partnership continued and during the last two years of that time had twelve different elevators. They were among the most extensive grain buyers of eastern Illinois and their business brought them such prosperity that Mr. Williams retired from active life, his handsome competence enabling him to rest from further labor. During these years he had become a half owner of eighteen hundred and twenty-five acres of land near Ambia, Benton county, Indiana. The spirit of progress always characterized him and he was one of a company that was the first to experiment with sugar cane in this locality, while subsequently he became one of the promoters of a canning factory which canned the corn product from nine hundred acres of land during the first year of its existence. At the end of two seasons, however, Mr. Williams severed his connection with that enterprise. In the later years of his life he left the management of his business affairs to his son Charles, while he enjoyed well earned rest. His landed possessions embraced thirteen hundred and twenty acres in Indiana and three hundred and twenty acres near Gibson City, Illinois. In association with J. A. Cunningham he served as an executor of the Thomas Hoopes estate, which was the largest estate ever administered in Vermilion county.

The death of Mr. Williams occurred on the 18th of February, 1905, at which time he was one of the oldest settlers in Grant township, having established his home in this section of the state in 1853. He was then seventy-six years of age. Prominent in Masonry, he became a Knight Templar and his religious faith was evidenced in his membership in the Universalist church and his liberal support of the cause. His political views accorded with the principles of the republican party and in all matters of citizenship he occupied a progressive position, standing for all that he believed to be of greatest benefit to the community.

At the time of his death one of the local papers said: "In his prime he was one of the foremost citizens of the county, always ready and willing to do all in his power to advance the moral and material interests of the community. The regard in which he was uniformly held is evidence of his high character and he was known as a representative of the best element of citizenship in this county. He was a man of the strictest integrity and by his life of industry and the exercise of economy and wise judgment obtained for himself a competency."

For many months before the end came Mr. Williams was confined to his bed and death released him from a long period of suffering. He ever held friendship inviolable and manifested the most unfaltering devotion to his family, the happiness of his wife and children being ever with him a paramount interest. He had many good qualities, a kindly spirit, a generous disposition and a consideration at all times for the rights and privileges of others, and added to these was marked business ability and unfaltering integrity, manifested in every business transaction. His name is inseparably interwoven with the development of Vermilion county from the period of early progress to the present time. He stood for that which is noblest and best in citizenship and in private life and as long as memory remains to those who knew him his name will be revered and honored.

J. F. RUTTER.

One of the important productive industries of Vermilion county is the Ross-ville Canning Company, of which J. F. Rutter was one of the promoters and is now the general manager. In this he has displayed an initiative spirit that has led to good results. Judging accurately of his own capacities and powers and of the conditions which make up life's contacts and experiences, he has been recognized as a strong business man and an influential citizen whose labors contribute not alone to his individual success but are an element in public progress and prosperity. He was born in Dowagiac, Michigan, on the 24th of July, 1853, and is a son of Benjamin Franklin and Sarah (Oyler) Rutter, both of whom were natives of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The father was educated in the east and on leaving his native state removed to Canton, Ohio, where he remained for some time. He also resided for a time in Akron, Ohio, and in 1840 went to Michigan, where he carried on general merchandising. He was identified with mercantile pursuits throughout his entire life and close application and well directed effort constituted the basis of his business success. He represented one of the old families of Pennsylvania, being connected with the early Dutch stock of that state.

J. F. Rutter acquired his early education in the schools of Michigan while spending his youthful days under the parental roof in his native city. He was reared in a district noted for the production of fine fruit, in which connection the manufacture of baskets and fruit packages has become an important and extensive industry. On crossing the threshold of business life Mr. Rutter became connected with an enterprise of that character and continued in that line of trade until he took up his present business when the factories at this point were developed. He organized the present company operating under the name of the Rossville Canning Company and from its inception has acted as general manager. The factory was established in 1904, the business being an incorporated concern. It is now one of the largest productive industries of the kind, having a capacity of one hundred thousand cans of corn, fifty thousand cans of peas and twenty-five thousand cans of peaches, together with large quantities

of apples and numerous other fruits. All supplies are arranged for in Chicago and the business is in close connection with the leading market centers of the country. The factory is situated on Gilbert street in Rossville, east of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad tracks, and has an extensive floor space. It is thoroughly equipped with the latest improved machinery and with every facility to promote sanitary conditions, and the excellence of the product sent out insures a ready sale on the market. Mr. Rutter as the manager and promoter of the enterprise displays excellent business ability, knows the conditions of the trade and in the control of the undertaking has secured a measure of success that makes the enterprise a source of gratifying profit to the stockholders.

In April, 1882, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Rutter to Miss Della M. Lewis, a daughter of Stephen and Lavinia (Runyon) Lewis. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, having taken the degrees of the lodge and chapter. He also holds membership relations with the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen of the World, the Mystics and the Commercial Club of Rossville and is master of arms in the Knights of Pythias Lodge. In the spring of 1910 he was elected on the independent ticket to the office of alderman in Rossville and in the six years of his residence here has been closely identified with the welfare of the city, manifesting in this connection the same spirit of enterprise which marks him in his private relations. As a business man he has been conspicuous among his associates not only for his success but for his probity, fairness and honorable methods. By perseverance, determination and honorable effort he has overthrown the obstacles which have barred his path to success and reached the goal of prosperity, while his genuine worth and broad-minded public spirit have made him a director of public thought and action in the community where he now makes his home.

D. L. OGDON.

Carefully formulated and well executed plans have brought D. L. Ogdon to a creditable and enviable position in business circles and his efforts have been an element in the substantial upbuilding of Bismarck, where for many years he has now made his home. Formerly identified with merchandising, he is now connected with the financial interests of the town as cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank.

He was born in Newell township, this county, on the 2d of March, 1864, a son of William S. and Naomi R. (Claypool) Ogdon, both of whom were natives of Nicholas county, Kentucky, the father's birth having there occurred February 9, 1831, while the mother's natal day was July 5, 1835. They were married in that state, September 30, 1852, and the same year came to Vermilion county, settling on a farm in Newell township, which they occupied until 1867. In that year they removed to southwestern Missouri, where they secured a farm which they occupied and improved until 1874. They also lived in Pike county, Missouri, for seven years, and then returned to Vermilion county,

again taking up their abode on a farm which was their home until 1895, at which time they went to Cayuga, Indiana, where Mr. Ogdon turned his attention to merchandising, being thus connected with the commercial interests of the town until 1900, when he came to Bismarck, where he is now living retired. His life has been a busy and useful one and his energy has brought him a measure of success that now enables him to rest from further labors. Unto him and his wife have been born ten children: J. T., a resident of Hoopes-ton, Illinois; Sarah R., the wife of James McCormick; Lilly J., who died in Missouri in 1878; F. M., a merchant of Alvin, Illinois; D. L., of this review; W. H., who is in the railroad service at Danville; Nancy E., the wife of Francis M. Roderick of this county; James W., who is in the railroad mail service in Ohio; Arthur, a telegraph operator at Salem, Illinois, and Mary A., the wife of James Ashley of Jasonville, Indiana.

D. L. Ogdon remained at home throughout the period of his boyhood and youth and afterward worked as a farm hand for three months. He was then employed in connection with the grain business at Alvin for a year, after which he began buying grain at Bismarck and so continued until 1886. Following his marriage he took up his abode upon a farm which he occupied and cultivated for two years, returning then to Bismarck. He spent a year in the employ of Gundy & Bushnell and later took up his abode on a farm in Newell township, where he lived for a year. His next home was about five miles northwest of Potomac, Illinois, where he remained until 1892, at the end of which time he formed a partnership with S. W. Claypool and purchased the general store of Gundy & Bushnell in Bismarck. He was then closely associated with mercantile interests until 1904, when he sold out and on the 1st of August, 1905, organized the Farmers & Merchants Bank, of which he has since been cashier. The success of this institution is attributable in large measure to his efforts and his enterprise. A general banking business is conducted and the business is carried on under safe, conservative lines, awakening public interest and securing a liberal patronage.

Mr. Ogdon was married at Bismarck September 30, 1886, to Miss Martha A. Stevens, who was born in Newell township, April 3, 1867, and is a daughter of Franklin and Lucinda (Young) Stevens. Her father was a native of Kentucky, born April 21, 1819, and the mother's birth occurred in this county, November 17, 1831. Mr. Stevens died February 5, 1886, and his wife departed this life September 2, 1896. They had but two children, the younger being Joseph F. Stevens, now a resident of Frankfort, Indiana. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ogdon were born two daughters, Cecil H., who was born March 25, 1890, and is now the wife of E. H. Henderson, their home being on the farm which was the birthplace of her mother; Leila B., who was born June 17, 1895, and is still at home. The death of Mrs. Ogdon occurred September 26, 1905, and she was laid to rest in Gundy cemetery. On the 29th of October, 1908, Mr. Ogdon was again married, his second union being with Miss Anna Standish, who was born near Salem, Indiana, and is a daughter of L. and Emily (Martin) Standish, the former a descendant of Miles Standish, the colonial governor of Massachusetts. Her father died in 1910, but the mother still survives, making her home in Indiana. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Standish were four

children. One daughter has been born of the second marriage of Mr. Ogdon, Salome Standish, whose birth occurred August 20, 1909.

Politically Mr. Ogdon is a republican and has served as township school treasurer. He and his wife are members of the Church of Christ, in which he has served as elder. As the years have passed he has won gratifying and creditable prosperity. He deserves all the praise implied by the term self-made man, for his success is attributable entirely to his own efforts. That he has prospered in his undertakings is indicated in the fact that he is now one of the large stockholders as well as officials of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Bismarck and that he also owns one hundred and eighty-five acres of land on sections 22, 23 and 27, Newell township, together with the bank building and a good residence in the city. Throughout his entire life he has quickly recognized and utilized opportunities which others have passed heedlessly by and in the improvement of the advantages which have come to him he has steadily progressed toward the goal of success and is now numbered among Vermilion county's men of affluence.

WILLIAM R. WILSON.

Fifty-two years seems a long period in which to reside in one locality. The residence of William R. Wilson in Vermilion county, however, dates from July 2, 1858, to the present time. It was on that date that he was born on the farm which is now his home and throughout the intervening years he has been connected with agricultural pursuits in this part of the state. He represents one of the oldest pioneer families, his parents being Alonzo and Margaret (Clapp) Wilson, who came to Vermilion county in 1834. The father was a native of Ohio and the mother of North Carolina. The year following their arrival here Mr. Wilson entered land from the government. The Black Hawk war had occurred only three years before and all of the settlers were familiar with the Indian history of the region and there were still many evidences of Indian occupancy. The greater part of the land was covered with forest trees or wild prairie grasses and it required much arduous labor to transform the land into productive fields. Year after year, however, Alonzo Wilson carried on the work, remaining upon the old homestead until 1876, when he removed with his wife to Sullivan county, Indiana. There he resided until called to his final rest in November, 1896. His widow still survives at the age of eighty-four years. In their family were nine children, of whom five are yet living, namely: John A., a resident of this county; George D., whose home is in Los Angeles, California; William R.; Adelia A., who is now teaching school; and Gertrude A., who is living with her mother.

William R. Wilson remained at home to the age of twenty-three years. In the meantime, however, he had acquired a good education in the public schools and in Union Christian College at Merom, Indiana. On starting out in life for himself he rented the old homestead, which he continued to cultivate for four years. He then went to Wilson county, Kansas, where he remained for

six years, after which he returned to State Line, Vermilion county, where he made his home for two years. He then again located on the old homestead on section 34, Newell township, and has since made it his place of residence. In the operation and improvement of his farm he is meeting with success, for his methods are practical and resultant, his energy bringing to him the most desirable returns. For twenty-two years he engaged in teaching school during the winter months, being thus employed for five years while in Kansas and the remainder of the time in Vermilion county, so that he has been closely associated with educational interests.

In 1881 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Stella W. Barker, who was born in Star City, Indiana, a daughter of Clement H. and Martha A. (Washington) Barker, natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. Her father died June 5, 1897, and the mother now makes her home with Mrs. Wilson. In the Barker family were six children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been born three children: Daphne J., who was born May 14, 1888, and is now the wife of Ed. Gilbert of Defiance, Ohio; Max A., at home; and one who died in infancy.

The parents are members of the Christian church and hold to high ideals in their religious life. For eleven years Mr. Wilson has been secretary of the Central Illinois Christian Conference. He gives his political support to the republican party and for seven years has filled the office of assessor, his continuance in the position indicating his fidelity to duty as well as his promptness and accuracy. He has served as school director and throughout his entire life has done all in his power to further the interests of education, recognizing the fact that the public-school system constitutes one of the bulwarks of the nation.

FRANK W. JONES.

Although still a young man Frank W. Jones has already gained a creditable position at the Vermilion county bar and is now serving as city attorney of Danville. He was born in Fountain county, Indiana, May 3, 1876, and is a son of John K. and Harriet (Pugh) Jones, who were natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. The father, who is a farmer by occupation, now resides at State Line, Indiana.

Frank W. Jones obtained his elementary education in the country schools of Indiana and Illinois and subsequently attended Greer College at Hoopeston, Illinois, where he completed the scientific course and was graduated in 1899. He subsequently entered the Bloomington Law School and was graduated from that institution in 1902. In December of the same year he was admitted to practice in Illinois and the following year located at Danville, where he has since followed his profession. He has a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the law and has already met with most excellent success. In April, 1909, he was elected city attorney of Danville and is now discharging the duties of that office with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the public. He was not



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long in building up an excellent practice and becoming one of the popular citizens of Danville.

Mr. Jones was married in 1901 to Miss Carrie M. Wade, a daughter of William P. Wade, of Pana, Illinois, and they now have two sons, William Wade, and John Frank, while Harvey Shaw is deceased. The parents hold membership in the Christian church and Mr. Jones is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Eagles. Although still a young man he is widely and popularly known, figuring prominently in public affairs as well as in the profession which he has chosen as his life work.

EDWARD A. FOX.

Edward A. Fox, who was born near Oakwood, April 21, 1871, and is now engaged in business at that place, is a son of Joseph E. and Lavina A. (Sallee) Fox. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, and the mother of Illinois, and they were married in this state, where Mr. Fox farmed and worked at the carpenter's trade at the same time, continuing at these vocations until his death on the 13th of November, 1880. The mother was called from earthly scenes November 22, 1881, leaving her son an orphan at eleven years of age and largely facing the world upon his own responsibility. The other children of the family were: Charles B., deceased; Mary C., deceased; William H., a resident of Vermilion county; Frank L., of Illinois; and Ora M., of Ohio.

For one year Edward A. Fox lived with an aunt and then began to work for John H. Jones, a farmer, receiving his board and clothes as a recompense for his labor. After two years, being now a stalwart lad and ambitious to get forward as fast as possible, he began working for wages in the summer and boarding with his grandfather in the winter while attending school. In this way the time passed until he reached twenty-one years of age, when he was married and for three years rented a farm. At twenty-four years of age he went to Kansas and spent four years in that state, working at the carpenter's trade. On his return to Illinois, he continued to follow his trade until 1906, since which time he has acted as manager of the warehouse and grain elevator of B. B. Miner at Oakwood, performing his duties in such a way as to merit the commendation of his employer and also of the public with whom he daily comes in contact.

On July 28, 1892, Mr. Fox was married to Miss Florilla Emmett, a native of Illinois and a daughter of George and Kathrine (Powell) Emmett. Her father was born in this state and her mother in Pennsylvania. They came to Vermilion county at an early day and here they continued until 1894, when they removed to Wilson county, Kansas, where the head of the family was called to his final rest in 1909. The mother is still living in Wilson county. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett: Florilla, who became the wife of Mr. Fox; Gertrude, Florence and Guy, all deceased; Rolla and Harry, residents of Kansas; Charles, deceased; Donald, of Kansas; Ruth; and Mabel, deceased.

The wife of Mr. Fox having been called to her last rest in February, 1902, he was a second time married, the lady of his choice being Miss Celestia Lane, of Oakwood, a daughter of John H. and Laura (Smith) Lane, both natives of this county and still living here. They were the parents of seven children: Celestia; Ella, the wife of Frank Stedman; and Lulu, Minta, Bertha, Florence and Charles, all living at home. One child, Cecil H., born May 1, 1895, was the result of the first marriage of Mr. Fox; and there is also one child by the second union, Frances G., born April 7, 1909.

Politically Mr. Fox is identified with the republican party. He has never sought public office, but votes for those measures and men that he considers most essential to the welfare of the community. Having been early thrown upon his own resources, he is a self-made man and his life up to the present time has involved several vicissitudes which might have discouraged one less resolute than himself. However, he has never yielded to discouragement and, having overcome difficulties, he is now stronger than ever before and better able to meet whatever fortune the future may have in store for him. It is to the stout and resolute heart that the final victory comes, and all experience shows that it is only by conquering difficulties that we attain the object of our ambition. Mr. Fox has many friends whom he has gained by a life of industry and rightly directed endeavor — the only life worth living and the one that leads to ultimate triumph.

THOMAS E. SILKEY.

Thomas E. Silkey, now living retired in Danville, was for many years actively engaged in the conduct of important industrial and commercial interests, and his initiative spirit and careful execution of his plans brought him the success which now enables him to enjoy the comforts of life without recourse to further labor. He is the owner of the Silkey Flats of Danville and of valuable farm property in the state.

Ohio numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Dresden, Muskingum county, in 1851. His father, John P. Silkey, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1824. During the period of his residence in Ohio he organized a company there for service in the Civil war, but the medical examination showed him physically unfit for active duty at the front and he was not accepted. He was married in 1850 to Miss Mary McMahan, who was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, about 1827. While a resident of Ohio John P. Silkey engaged in the hardware business but after removing to Illinois became a commercial traveler. He died February 6, 1907, and his wife passed away in August, 1874. Unto them were born six children, of whom five are still living: Joseph B., who married Miss Harriet Cooper; Jennie B., the wife of John T. Freeman; Charles M., who wedded Annie Hershey and lives in Pulaski, Illinois; Annie M., the wife of J. Henry Freeman, of Ogden, Illinois; and Thomas E.

The last named was a youth of twelve years when the family left Ohio and came to Illinois, arriving in this state in 1863. He attended school in Urbana and after completing his education became engaged in the hardware and tinware business, spending four years at Sidney, Illinois, after which he removed to Ogden, Illinois, where he made his home for twenty-one years. A part of that period he was associated with his brother, who managed the local interests of the firm, while Thomas E. Silkey went upon the road as a traveling salesman. In 1892 he turned his attention to the manufacture of stoves and ranges at Muncie, Indiana, under the name of the Joseph Bell Stove & Range Company, of which Joseph Bell was president and treasurer; E. Snell, vice president; E. A. Dufrene, secretary; and T. E. Silkey, manager. They established a large plant at Muncie and conducted a growing and profitable business, Mr. Silkey remaining in active connection therewith until 1900, when he sold out. In the meantime, in 1898, he had become a resident of Danville, where he still makes his home. While in Ogden he engaged in the furniture trade in connection with the hardware business, but at the present time he is living retired on account of his health. He has made judicious investments in real estate and is the owner of valuable property, including two farms comprising two hundred and sixty acres in Champaign county. He has never occupied the farms, purchasing them merely as an investment, and from them he derives a good income. He also owns what is known as the Silkey Flats on Franklin street in Danville. He occupies the one at No. 308 Franklin street and is living retired, enjoying well merited rest.

Mr. Silkey was married in 1893 to Miss Allie E. Richards, a daughter of J. T. and Nora Richards, of Muncie, Indiana. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Silkey have been born two sons. Charles E., born January 5, 1894, is now in his third year in high school. Paul, born in June, 1895, is also attending school. Mrs. Silkey and one of her sons belong to the Kimber Methodist church.

Mr. Silkey has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1874, while his father joined the organization in 1854. In his political views Thomas E. Silkey is a democrat and has optimistic faith in the party and its principles. His life has been a busy and useful one and throughout his business career he has manifested an aptitude for successful management. Whatever he has undertaken he has carried forward to completion and his labors have been resultant factors in the attainment of the prosperity which now places him with the men of affluence in his adopted city.

HON. JOSEPH B. MANN.

Hon. Joseph B. Mann, the leading attorney of Danville, who is now serving as corporation counsel, was born in Somerville, New Jersey, November 9, 1843, his parents being John M. and Elizabeth (Bonnell), Mann, who were natives of Pennsylvania and New Jersey respectively. The Mann family is of Scotch and Holland origin, while the Bonnells were of French and Irish extraction. On coming to this country the paternal ancestors of our subject settled in Pennsylvania

and his great-grandfather Mann was in the battle of Germantown, where he had command of a militia regiment. His great-grandfather Mattison was a private soldier in the Revolution.

John M. Mann, our subject's father, was also a lawyer by profession and was engaged in practice in New Jersey for thirty-five years. He was prominently identified with public affairs, serving as a member of the legislature of that state, and as county clerk and surrogate of Somerset county, besides filling a number of minor offices. Both he and wife died in Somerville. In their family were eight children, of whom Joseph B. Mann is the youngest. The family has ever been a patriotic and loyal one and four of the sons entered the Union army during the dark days of the Civil war. William was an adjutant in the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry; Charles B. was major in the Seventy-fourth Indiana regiment; Samuel B. was sergeant major in the Third New Jersey Volunteer Infantry; and John W. was adjutant of the Twenty-seventh New Jersey Regiment. Charles B. was wounded in the battle of Chickamauga and John W. died from disease resulting from a severe attack of typhoid fever contracted while in the army.

During his boyhood and youth Joseph B. Mann attended both public and private schools, preparing for college at Poughkeepsie, New York. He entered the sophomore class of Rutger's College at New Brunswick, New Jersey, in the fall of 1862 and was graduated from that institution in June, 1865. In the fall of the same year he came west and commenced preparing for the legal profession in a law school in Chicago, where he continued his studies until the spring of 1866. He then came to Danville and entered the law office of Oliver L. Davis as a student, being admitted to the bar in March, 1867. After practicing alone for a few months, he was elected city attorney of Danville in May, 1867, and held that office for one year, refusing reelection. In the fall of 1867 he formed a partnership with Judge E. S. Terry, which connection continued until March, 1868, when he entered into partnership with his former preceptor, Oliver L. Davis, this connection continuing until Mr. Davis' election to the circuit bench in 1873. In 1875 Mr. Mann formed a copartnership with W. J. Calhoun and later De Witt C. Frazier was also admitted to the firm, the three engaging in practice together until the election of Mr. Calhoun to the office of states attorney of Vermilion county. In 1885, upon the retirement of Judge Davis from the bench, Mr Mann became his partner and continued in practice with him until Judge Davis' retirement in 1888, when Mr. Calhoun and Mr. Mann again formed a partnership which continued until 1892. In that year our subject removed to Chicago, where he formed a partnership with Curtis H. Remy, remaining there until the fall of 1901, when he returned to Danville and has since engaged in the practice of his profession in this city. He is a well read lawyer, thoroughly familiar with precedents, and in trial cases has been remarkably successful.

In January, 1874, Mr. Mann was united in marriage to Miss Lucy A. Davis, a daughter of Judge Oliver L. and Sarah M. Davis. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mann have been born three children, namely: Fred B., Oliver D. and Nellie D., all of whom are yet living.

Since casting his first presidential vote in 1864 for General George B. McClellan, while living in New Jersey, Mr. Mann has been a stalwart supporter of the democratic party and its principles. On that ticket he was elected a member of the Illinois general assembly, taking his seat in January, 1881, and served one term. He also served one term as alderman of his ward in the city council of Danville and in 1909 was appointed corporation counsel. His official duties have always been discharged in such a manner as to win commendation and in both professional and social life he occupies an enviable position.

WILLIAM A. McMAHON.

William A. McMahon, a young man of excellent business ability, whose clear insight and ready appreciation of opportunities have enabled him to work his way upward, is now private secretary to C. B. Spang, of Georgetown, Illinois, and is also a partner with Mr. Spang in real-estate operations and in the manufacture of cement machines. He was born June 17, 1876, and is a son of William and Martha (Perry) McMahon. The father acquired his early education in the schools of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and when a boy went to Canada, where he took up work upon a farm, being there employed until eighteen years of age. He next became a resident of Logan county, Illinois, where he rented land and carried on farming for about ten years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Iroquois county, where he purchased a farm of eighty acres, to which he added as his financial resources increased, making it a valuable property of two hundred acres, upon which he resided continuously until 1905. He then disposed of that property and purchased three hundred acres near Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was regarded as one of the enterprising and representative agriculturists of the communities in which he resided, displaying excellent business ability and unfaltering diligence. He met an accidental death upon his farm and the property descended to his children, by whom it is still owned. In his family were ten children: Eliza Jane, Charles C., Edward L., Harvey S., Frank, William A., Flora B., Hattie E., John R. and one who died in infancy. Of these children Edward L. and Frank have also passed away.

William A. McMahon is a native of Iroquois county and after mastering the elementary branches of learning there in the country schools he spent one year in Grand Prairie Seminary at Onarga, Illinois, and three years as a student in Greer College at Hoopeston. He afterward pursued a correspondence course under an expert accountant of New York city and thus by liberal educational training became well equipped for practical and responsible duties in the business world. Starting in business life, he spent one year in the employ of the firm of Young & Hamilton at Cissna Park, Illinois. Subsequently he engaged in teaching in the country schools for four years and also had charge of the penmanship department at Greer college in Hoopeston for four years. On the expiration of that period he came to Danville, where he remained for one year, removing thence to Georgetown, where he entered upon active business rela-

tions with Mr. Spang in 1901. He started as a clerk in the office and has been appointed through intermediate positions until he now has charge of Mr. Spang's business interests, which are very extensive. He is also associated with Mr. Spang in the ownership of real estate and in the manufacture of cement machines. Mr. McMahon is likewise interested in Florida lands. He has made for himself a most creditable business standing and his enterprising spirit, perseverance and determination have enabled him to pass many on the highway of life who perhaps started out in advance of him.

On the 18th of October, 1904, Mr. McMahon was married to Miss Melvina C. McWhorter, a daughter of James T. and Carrie (Strayhorn) McWhorter. The father is a miller by trade and now resides in Georgetown. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McMahon have been born two children, Edward and Mary, who are the life of the household. In his political views Mr. McMahon has been a republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, the family being prominent in all church affairs. He has always lived in this section of the state and the fact that many of his staunchest friends are numbered among those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time is an indication of an upright and well spent life. He manifests sterling qualities not only in his business activities but also in his social and citizenship relations and is justly accounted one of the valued residents of the community.

JOHN SEITER.

Among the representative farmers of Newell township may be named John Seiter, who eleven years ago became permanently identified with Vermilion county as a landowner in that township. He was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, February 22, 1855, and is a son of Nicholas and Margaret (Stidleman) Seiter, both natives of Germany, who settled in Indiana with their respective parents. There the father died in 1865, the mother surviving for forty years and being called away in 1905.

John Seiter was educated in the common schools until twenty-one years of age, when on account of his father's death he was thrown upon his own resources and from that time has depended upon his own exertions for whatever success he has attained. He early became acquainted with general farming operations and after ceasing to work by the month he rented land until 1899, when he bought sixty acres of the farm which he now owns. This he improved and developed, increasing his holdings from time to time, and he now has one of the highly productive farms of the township.

On December 25, 1881, Mr. Seiter was united in marriage to Miss Martha Garner, a daughter of Addison and Angeline (Shaw) Garner. Mr. Garner was a native of Virginia and his wife of Ohio. They removed to Illinois in 1878 and Mrs. Garner is still living in Danville, her husband having departed this life in 1907. They were the parents of eight children: Martha, the wife

of the subject of this sketch; Albert, of Danville; Frank, Warner and Adda, also of Danville; Thades, deceased; Frederick, of Danville; and Rowena, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Seiter nine children were born: Carrie, deceased; Clara and Frank, both at home; Grover, deceased; Thalia, Martha and Grace, who are all living at home; and two who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Seiter are conscientious and active in the discharge of their duties which they owe to their neighbors and the community. Politically he is in sympathy with the democratic party, but he has never been a seeker for office. By industry and perseverance Mr. Seiter has acquired his farm and a home provided with the comforts of a well regulated household, and here he and his family enjoy the result of self-denial and toil. He has inherited many of the sturdy characteristics of a worthy ancestry, and among them is fidelity to his family, which is one of the important elements in the establishment of a home and thus forms a basis for civilized society.

EDWIN R. PARTLOW.

Edwin R. Partlow, secretary of the Equitable Building & Loan Association and also conducting a general insurance agency, has built up an extensive business to which he devotes his entire time and attention. His close application, his strong purpose, his conservative and honorable methods constitute the basis of the success which classes him with the leading and representative business men of Danville, his native city.

He was born February 6, 1867. His father, Asa Partlow, also a native of Danville, was a son of Reuben Partlow, who came from Kentucky to Illinois in pioneer times and was closely associated with the upbuilding and progress of Vermilion county. Asa Partlow was one of the first white male children born in this city, his natal year being 1833. Having arrived at years of maturity, he wedded Mary Murdock, a native of Indiana, and both have now passed away, Mr. Partlow's death occurring on the 29th of April, 1892, while his wife, surviving him for many years, died on the 22d of May, 1909. Asa Partlow was for many years one of the well known and prominent merchants of Danville, being for a period a member of the firm of Lamm, Partlow & Company, the predecessors of the firm of Partlow & Company, general merchants. Under the latter caption he continued in business until 1871. The following year he became connected with insurance and building association interests and from 1875 until 1883 was secretary of the old Peoples Building & Loan Association. From 1880 until 1892 he was also secretary of the Equitable Building & Loan Association and in the latter year was succeeded by his son. He met with substantial success in both merchantile and insurance lines and, carefully directing his interests, achieved results that were directly attributable to his enterprise and ready utilization of opportunities. A man of high character, his position in public regard was an enviable one and upon the history of Danville he left the impress of his individuality, for at all times he was a cooperant factor in the measures and movements that were instituted for the public good.

Edwin R. Partlow is one of a family of three sons and two daughters, but only one brother, Augustus A., is now living. At the usual age Edwin R. Partlow entered the public schools of Danville, and passing through consecutive grades was graduated from the high school with the class of 1885. The following day he entered his father's office and has been continuously connected with the business since that time. He is not only secretary of the Equitable Building & Loan Association, to which office he succeeded in 1892, but also conducts a general insurance business, representing some of the most substantial fire and accident insurance companies. In both connections he has secured a large clientage and to the further development and management of his interests he devotes his entire time.

On the 19th of September, 1893, Mr. Partlow was united in marriage to Lerene M. Fanson, a native of Bowmanville, Ontario, and they have one daughter, Edna M. Mr. Partlow is well known in fraternal circles. In the Masonic fraternity he has taken the degrees of the blue lodge, chapter and commandery, and is deputy master of the Lodge of Perfection and junior warden of the chapter of Rose Croix. He is a past chancellor of Damascus Lodge, No. 84, Knights of Pythias, belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and other organizations, which find him loyal to their teachings, exemplifying in his life the beneficent and helpful spirit which underlies these societies. The salient features in his life command the confidence and respect of his fellowmen. The qualities which he has displayed in relation to all matters of general moment mark him as one of the public-spirited citizens of Danville. He stands as a worthy representative of one of the oldest pioneer families of the city and his record is a credit to a name which has long been an honored one in Vermilion county.

JOHN S. MILLER.

John S. Miller, starting out in life as a farm hand, became in the course of years a successful agriculturist and from 1883 until the time of his death in 1895 owned and occupied a valuable farming property in this county in the vicinity of Hoopeston. He was born near Strasburg, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, April 9, 1819, a son of William and Rebecca (Strain) Miller. The father was a farmer who several years after the birth of his son removed westward to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, where he secured land and began farming.

John S. Miller acquired his education in the schools of Pennsylvania and Indiana but at the age of nineteen left school, owing to his father's death, for it became necessary that he aid in the support of the family. He did this by working by the month as a farm hand. While thus employed he carefully saved his earnings and a few years later purchased a farm, on which he established his widowed mother in a comfortable home. Toward her he ever displayed the most filial care and devotion, thus repaying her for the love with which she guarded his youth. For a half century he resided in Tippecanoe county, devoting his entire time and attention to general agricultural pursuits and in



JOHN S. MILLER

1883 he came to Vermilion county, purchasing a tract of land near Hoopeson from John Williams. Taking up his abode upon that place, he did not personally engage in tilling the soil but rented the farm, while he practically retired from active life, enjoying a well earned rest throughout his remaining days. His life had been a very busy, active and useful one and his retirement was the well merited reward of his labor.

In 1851 Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Leah Stephenson, who died in 1877. The only child born of that marriage is now deceased. On the 18th of February, 1879, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Combs, a daughter of Elias and Elsie (Alexander) Combs, the former a farmer of Hendricks county, Indiana. The son of this marriage, Frank E. Miller, resides on the old home farm and is numbered among the enterprising agriculturists of the community. He married Miss Fannie L. Bailey, of Tippecanoe county, Indiana, and they have one child, Harold. Mrs. Miller now resides in Hoopeston, having removed to the city since the death of her husband on the 7th of September, 1895.

In his political views Mr. Miller was an earnest republican and never neglected the duties of citizenship, although he neither sought nor desired office. He always kept well informed on the issues of the day and gave to the candidates of the party his earnest support. He was devoted to his family, was a good neighbor and a faithful friend. He was extremely sociable by nature and enjoyed the companionship of those of congenial tastes and interests. He readily recognized the good in others and was loved by all who knew him. He left a comfortable competence to his family and also the untarnished name which is rather to be chosen than great riches.

THOMAS SAILOR.

Thomas Sailor, engaging in merchandising and in the conduct of a restaurant at Oakwood, was born in Vermilion county, Illinois, December 6, 1875. The family has been represented here from an early day. His parents were David S. and Rosanna (McGown) Sailor. The mother was born in Ireland but spent much of her girlhood in Canada. The father was a native of Ohio and they were married in Canada but soon afterward came to Illinois, settling upon a farm in Vermilion county, where Mr. Sailor rented land for several years. During that period he carefully saved his earnings, after which he purchased a farm near Fairmount of twenty acres. He took up his abode thereon and in connection with its cultivation also operated other land for several years. He then sold out and bought another tract of land near Oakwood, upon which his widow still resides, his death having occurred in 1893. Their family numbered seven children: William J., who is living with his mother on the old home farm; Samuel C., a stockman of Vermilion County; Hannah I., the wife of D. W. Gohn, of Rochester, Indiana; Rebecca, who died at the age of fifteen years; Thomas, of this review; and James and Rosa M., both with their mother.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Thomas Sailor in his boyhood and youth. He worked in the fields during the summer months and attended school in the winter seasons. At the age of twenty-two years he began farming on his own account near Oakwood and continued the business for five years, after which he removed to the village and carried on teaming for four years. Subsequently he was employed at day labor for three years; at the end of which time he bought a store and at present is conducting a restaurant and mercantile business in Oakwood. He is prospering in his undertakings and his close application and energy have been the strong points in his success whereby he has made steady progress along well defined lines of labor.

On the 23d of March, 1898, Mr. Sailor was married to Miss Myrtle Stiner, a native of Illinois and a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Peters) Stiner, the former born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Illinois. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sailor have been born two children: Ethel May who was born September 16, 1901, and died in infancy; and Gladys M., who was born January 21, 1904.

Mrs. Sailor holds membership in the Christian church and Mr. Sailor belongs to the Modern Woodmen Camp of Oakwood, while both are members of Oakwood Lodge, No. 830, of the Court of Honor. His political endorsement is given to the republican party, but he never sought nor held office, giving his attention rather to his business interests, wherein his close application and diligence have brought him substantial success.

S. E. CORNELIUS.

S. E. Cornelius, a well known restaurant proprietor of Georgetown, was born in Adams County, Ohio, on the 11th of March, 1871, his parents being C. W. and Sarah E. (Walker) Cornelius. The father, likewise a native of that county, was born on the 29th of December, 1847, while the mother's birth occurred in Ohio on the 1st of August, 1845. Their marriage was celebrated in Highland County, Ohio, where C. W. Cornelius still resides. Throughout his entire business career he has successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits.

S. E. Cornelius obtained his education in the grammar schools of his native county and subsequently secured employment in a planing mill, while later he worked in a carriage manufactory at Cincinnati, Ohio, for some time. On arriving in Danville, Illinois, on the 17th of August, 1897, he accepted a position in a planing mill and afterward entered the service of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad, being identified with construction work for five years. On the expiration of that period he opened a restaurant in Georgetown and has since conducted a successful establishment of this character, having won an extensive and desirable patronage.

On the 23d of June, 1901, Mr. Cornelius was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary A. Edmunds. They have one son, Robert, whose natal day was April 23, 1903, and who is a pupil in the Georgetown grammar school. Mrs. Cornelius was born in Georgetown, March 4, 1872, and was educated in the grammar and

high schools of that city. She is the third in order of birth in a family of four children whose parents were Benjamin and Susan (Mack) Edmunds. The father, who was a harnessmaker by trade, was born and reared on a farm, where he remained until he attained his majority. He lived with an uncle and received his education there. After his marriage he turned his attention to the harnessmaker's trade, which he continued to follow up to the time of his death in 1892. He had come to this county from Eugene, Indiana, and spent his last years in Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius are devoted and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, taking an active and helpful interest in its work. Mr. Cornelius has taken great pleasure in the gathering of relics and now has an interesting and valuable collection on display in his restaurant. He is a gentleman of genial disposition and courteous manner and has other sterling qualities which command the friendship and regard of those with whom he is brought in contact.

EDWIN JAMES DRAPER.

Edwin James Draper, who passed away on the 4th of February, 1910, left the impress of his individuality upon the commercial history, upon public progress and upon the social development of Danville, where he made his home for many years. He was born April 30, 1838, on the Cole farm in Vermilion County, but was only six weeks old when his parents took their family and returned to Vermont, where he lived until twelve years of age. He early became imbued with the enterprising spirit which has ever dominated the middle west and has led to its substantial growth and progress. His father, Jonathan Draper, was a native of Bennington, Vermont, and at an early day made his way westward with horse and wagon. Altogether he made seven trips back and forth by wagon or on horseback. In 1866 he took up his abode permanently in Aurora and was there engaged in the silver plating business. He wedded Philena Galusia, a daughter of Charles Galusia, one of the early settlers of Illinois.

Edwin James Draper pursued his education in the schools of North Bennington, Vermont. In 1857 he again came to the west as a young man of nineteen years and located first at Sidney, Illinois, where he engaged in business. He afterward conducted business at different points until the opening of the Civil war. In response to the country's call for aid he enlisted at Danville as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry, under Colonel Harm. It was in July, 1861, that he joined his regiment, with which he served until the close of hostilities, acting as hospital steward and in other capacities.

When the country no longer needed his aid Mr. Draper returned to Danville and cast in his lot with the early merchants of this city. He was for a short time engaged in the grocery business in connection with A. G. Webster, and after the dissolution of their partnership he established a store of his own

and conducted it with continuous and gratifying success for twenty-nine years. Later he was engaged in the hardware business for seven years and also prospered in that undertaking. He was diligent and enterprising and his close application, resourcefulness, study of the conditions of the trade and unfaltering industry brought him to a prominent position among the leading merchants of this city. His business methods, too, were thoroughly reliable and thus he acquired a handsome competence that enabled him to live retired during the last four years of his life.

In Danville, in 1865, Mr. Draper was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Probst, whose family are mentioned in connection with the sketch of her sister, Mrs. James Knight, on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Draper had one son, Frank Amos, now deceased, and their adopted daughter, Lillian, has also passed away.

In his political views Mr. Draper was long an earnest republican, supporting the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war and which has always been the party of reform and progress. He belonged to the Kimber Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was treasurer for twenty years, and in the work of the church he was deeply and actively interested, cooperating in its various measures and movements for the benefit of humanity. He died February 4, 1910, leaving to his widow the competence acquired through an honorable business career and the memory of an untarnished name. Theirs was a close relationship, marked by a most congenial companionship, Mr. Draper's first interest being ever for her with whom he so long traveled life's journey. During his long residence in Danville he commanded the respect of all, winning esteem and admiration no less by an irreproachable life than by his activity and honesty in business affairs.

G. H. PRILLAMAN.

G. H. Prillaman has every reason to be proud of his present position as mayor of Rossville for he is one of the youngest mayors of the entire state and was elected to the position by a large majority on the independent ticket. Moreover, he is well known in commercial circles in connection with the grain business, being associated with his father in this line. He was born in Wellington, Illinois, March 15, 1886, and is a son of William M. and Effie (Hamilton) Prillaman. His grandparents were William and Rachel (Markley) Prillaman, who removed from Wells county, Indiana, to Illinois during the boyhood days of their son William, whose birth had occurred in Wells county. He was reared to the occupation of farming and for a considerable period was closely associated with agricultural interests. In 1908 he came to Rossville and embarked in the grain trade in which he is still actively engaged.

G. H. Prillaman was educated in the schools of Rossville and pursued a business course in Chicago, attending the Commercial Business College, of which he is a graduate. He has always been connected more or less with the grain trade and is now in partnership with his father. He took out a membership

in the Chicago board of trade in December, 1909, and is also conducting a brokerage business in the James block in Rossville under the name of G. H. Prillaman & Company. He is a young man of marked enterprise, of indefatigable energy and fertility of resource. He sees and utilizes opportunities which others pass heedlessly by and is thus making steady progress in commercial lines.

Mr. Prillaman was married on the 7th of October, 1908, to Miss Alma Layton of Danville, a daughter of Grant and Nellie (Messner) Layton. They now have one child, Glenn, who is in his first year. Mr. Prillaman belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has already advanced to the sixteenth degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging to the Lodge of Perfection. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he holds membership in the Christian church. Moreover, he is identified with that independent political movement which is one of the hopeful signs of the times, showing that thinking men will no longer submit to a blind following of party leadership but are asserting their right to act as judgment dictates for the best interests of the community and nation. Upon the independent ticket Mr. Prillaman was elected mayor of Rossville on the 15th of April, 1909, and is one of the youngest men in the state to fill the office of chief executive of the city. He was chosen to the position by a large majority, which fact is indicative of his personal popularity as well as the confidence reposed in him, and since entering upon the duties of the office his course has always given proof that the trust reposed in him was well placed.

WILLIAM G. PHILLIPS.

William G. Phillips, the senior member of the firm of Phillips Brothers, proprietors of one of the leading grocery stores of the city, was born in this county on the 17th of November, 1870, and is a son of Obadiah and Martha (Kidwell) Phillips, both of whom are still living, the father being now overseer of the poor in this county. His paternal ancestors came to this country from Germany and settled in Pennsylvania.

Our subject began his education in the district schools of Newell township and later attended the public schools of Danville, but at the age of nineteen years put aside his text-books and turned his attention to the more practical duties of business life. His first employment was with W. C. Thompson, a commission merchant, for whom he worked for a short time, and then accepted a clerkship in a retail grocery store. During the several years that he was employed in that capacity he became thoroughly familiar with every department of the business and was well qualified to embark in the same line of trade some years later. For some time he was in the service of William Payton. In the meantime, however, he learned the boilermaker's trade, at which he worked in the employ of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad for four and a half years and was then with M. H. Learnerd for four and a half years. In 1900, however, he formed a partnership with his brother Ross, and under the

firm name of Phillips Brothers they have since conducted their present grocery store, enjoying a trade of extensive proportions.

In Danville, October 4, 1894, was celebrated the marriage of William G. Phillips and Miss Maria Berryman, a daughter of James M. and Addie W. Berryman, representatives of an old family of this city. Her father, who was engaged in business as an iron manufacturer here, died in March, 1908, and her mother passed away in 1902. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Eugene, who was born April 27, 1897, died September 4, 1897. Those still living are: Rose, born July 16, 1895; James Clark, born November 9, 1900; and Hazel, born January 13, 1903.

For five years Mr. Phillips was a member of Battery A of Danville, but during that time was never called into active service. He is a staunch supporter of the men and measures of the republican party and is ex-treasurer of the Rod and Gun Club. Fraternally he has served as manager of the Modern Woodmen of America, as trustee of the National Protective Legion and is also a member of the Tribe of Ben Hur. Religiously he is identified with the Kimber Methodist Episcopal church. Pleasant and genial in manner, he is popular in social circles and is a man honored and esteemed wherever known.

ROBERT D. McDONALD.

Among the citizens of Danville who through their energy, industry and close application to business, reinforced by natural ability, have become prominent in the commercial and financial circles of the city is Robert D. McDonald. His business interests have always been of a character that have contributed not only to his individual success but also constituted an important factor in general progress. A native of Tennessee, he was born near Columbia on the 23d of June, 1834, his parents being C. R. and Nancy (Baldrich) McDonald, who were from South Carolina. His father was a tanner by trade and in connection with that occupation also followed farming. On coming to Illinois in 1836, he first located in Jackson county, but later removed to Alton and in 1840 came to Vermilion county, where he died. In 1845 his widow became the wife of Rev. John Cassady, and she passed away in Danville in 1882.

Robert D. McDonald was only two years old when brought by his parents to this state and was about thirteen years of age when he became a resident of Danville, where he obtained a position as clerk in a store, being thus employed for about six years. At the end of that time he went to Pontiac, Livingston county, Illinois, and embarked in the mercantile business on his own account, but at the end of five years returned to Danville, which has since been his home. He carried on business here as a merchant for about four years and then turned his attention to real-estate operations. In 1870 he commenced the study of law at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and two years later was admitted to practice at the Illinois and Michigan bars. He at once opened an office in Danville and soon became recognized as one of the prominent and leading attorneys of this city. He did not confine his attention solely to his professional duties

but in 1884, in connection with J. S. McFerren, organized the State Bank of Danville, which in 1900 was sold to E. X. Le Seure, who reorganized it, changing the name to the Danville National Bank in June, 1901. Mr. McDonald is still a director of this institution and for many years has been actively interested in its control. At the present time, however, he is practically living retired, giving his attention only to the management of his real-estate and land interests. He is, however, a vigorous and energetic man, keeping abreast with the questions and issues of the day, and can always be counted upon to further any movement which he believes will prove of public benefit.

In 1886 Mr. McDonald was united in marriage to Miss Ellen R. ReShore, a native of Michigan, who died October 4, 1902. In the family are three children: Jean, who is now the wife of O. D. Mann and lives with our subject; Ranald, who is attending Princeton University; and Allan, who is in school at Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

In politics Mr. McDonald is a republican. A man of keen foresight and executive ability, he steadily prospered in his business undertakings until he is now one of the substantial citizens of Danville. While his activities have largely been concentrated upon his commercial and professional interests, his influence has ever remained a steady moving force for those enterprises which are vital to the best development of the individual and the community at large. A courteous, genial gentleman, he readily makes friends and has the happy faculty of being able to retain them.

ZAC STARR.

Among the farmers of Vermilion county who were born and reared in the same neighborhood where they now live and have attained gratifying success in cultivating the soil is Zac Starr, who was born in Newell township, February 10, 1849. He is a son of Solomon and Delilah (Robertson) Starr, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Kentucky. The father came to Illinois at sixteen years of age and the mother when she was quite young. The country at that time was in many places an untrodden wilderness. After their marriage they located on government land and engaged in farming until overtaken by old age, when they retired after a long life, which involved many hardships and a great deal of labor. Mr. Starr was called to his reward in 1892 and his faithful companion followed about ten years later. He was a very successful farmer and at the time of his death was the owner of eighty acres of improved land, besides having provided each of his children with a farm. He was a man of great industry and directed the energies of his sons so as to produce the best results from their labors. They also learned how to raise and care for horses, cattle and hogs and how to attend to all the other duties of the farm. This education proved of the greatest practical value and in the case of the subject of this review it developed his talents until he became one of the most expert farmers and agriculturists in the neighborhood. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Starr, Simon P., James, Henry, Zac, J. R., Matilda, Anna and Solomon P.

Zac Starr remained upon the home farm until he was twenty-three years of age, receiving his education in the district schools and always taking an active interest in exercises of a public nature that were going on in the neighborhood. At the age of twenty years he commenced teaching school in this county, and taught for a time in the school he attended as a boy. He began farming on his own account by renting land for two years, after which he bought forty acres, which he developed and sold, investing the proceeds in a tract of eighty acres, which became the basis of his present farm. He has now accumulated two hundred and forty acres of land, which has been developed to a high capacity and provided with all the facilities for modern farming requirements.

On March 25, 1874, Mr. Starr was married to Miss Cleantha Cunningham, a daughter of Joseph and Mary A. Cunningham, both of whom passed their entire lives in this state. This union was blessed with three children: Effie M., now Mrs. Paul M. Atherton, of Danville; Irvin E., who married Flora Leonard and lives in Bismarck; and Arthur F., who married Fleda Hendrickson and lives on part of the old homestead. The children were all given a college education and the daughter is also a graduate in music. Mrs. Starr departed this life in 1887 and her body reposes in Rose cemetery of Newell township. On September 25, 1889, Mr. Starr was a second time married, the lady of his choice being Miss Mattie E. Loring, a daughter of Elbridge and Minerva Jane (Morton) Loring, a well known farmer of this township.

Mr. Starr has affiliated for many years with the republican party and was honored by the voters of the township by being elected commissioner of highways, in which capacity he served for nine years. He also acted as tax collector for two years and as school treasurer for seventeen years. He and his family are consistent members of the Christian Connection church and he has served as clerk of his church for thirty years and has been a delegate to all church conventions. He has made it the principle of his life to perform his duty as it appears and not to worry over troubles which may never come. He is happy in his home, in his associations and in the work to which he decided as a boy to devote his energies and in which by the exercise of fair judgment he has attained marked success.

PETER J. DOWIATT.

Peter J. Dowiatt, proprietor of the Westville Star Bottling Works, is not only well known in the town as an enterprising business man but has also been active along many lines which touch the general interests of society and work for public progress. He was born in Lithuania, on the 20th of June, 1870, and is a son of John and Barbara (Tyszkawicz) Dowiatt, who were also natives of that country, in which they spent their entire lives. Their family numbered eight children, six of whom are yet living. All came to America save one sister who still makes her home in Lithuania.

Peter J. Dowiatt left the dominion of the Czar when a youth of fifteen years, making his way to the new world. First settling in Machanam City, Pennsyl-



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vania, he was employed there as a coal miner and remained in the city for three years. On the expiration of that period he went to Wyoming, where he was employed on the construction of a railroad for two years and from that point he proceeded westward to Seattle, Washington, where he remained for eighteen months. He was afterward at Butte, Montana, where he continued until 1891, when he made his way to Chicago, remaining in the metropolis by the lake until 1893.

Mr. Dowiatt has since been a residence of Westville, where for nine years he was engaged in mining. In the meantime he carefully saved his earnings until his capital was sufficient to permit him to purchase a stock of groceries. For a year thereafter he was engaged in the grocery trade, at the end of which time he sold out but later established and conducted a grocery store and saloon, of which he was proprietor for four years. He then again sold out has since given his attention to the conduct of the Westville Star Bottling Works. He owns a brick building in which he carries on the bottling business and also a cigar factory. The business block is sixty by seventy feet and in addition to this he owns a fine residence and lot in Westville, also another lot in town and eighty acres of good farm land in Georgetown township, his property being the visible evidence of a life of well directed energy and thrift.

While business interests have largely claimed the time and attention of Mr. Dowiatt, he has also been connected with public affairs of moment and is recognized as one of the local leaders of the republican patry. He filled the office of mayor of Westville for two terms and proved an excellent executive officer, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and with an eye to the development and the substantial progress of the town. He has also served as alderman.

In 1894 Mr. Dowiatt was married to Miss Anna Stankewicz, a native of Lithuania. They have become parents of five children, Peter, Walter, Adolph, Anna and Mary, and they also have an adopted son, Frank. Mr. and Mrs. Dowiatt are members of the Catholic church and he belongs to Westville Lodge, No. 573, K. P. During the period of his residence here he has taken an active part in public affairs and his labors have been an element in the substantial growth and progress of the community, while his efforts in business circles have brought to him substantial returns.

WILLIAM T. CUNNINGHAM.

The steps in the orderly progression of William T. Cunningham as he has advanced from a humble position to a prominent place in the banking circles of Vermilion county are easily discernible, and analysis of his life record indicates clearly the fact that industry, intelligently directed, and utilization of legitimate opportunities, have constituted the forceful elements in his enviable, admirable and gratifying success. Vermilion county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Rossville, where he still makes his home, on the 1st of December, 1856.

His parents were Humes and Elizabeth (Winning) Cunningham. His education was acquired in the schools of Rossville and Danville, and no event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of life for him in his youthful days. As a young man he faced the conditions of the business world and made his initial step with the hope of one day winning substantial success in a field of labor to which he might ultimately direct his efforts. He started, however, as a clerk in a grocery store, was faithful and diligent, and not only won favor with his employer but with the patrons of the establishment, and when later he embarked in merchandising on his own account, it was not difficult for him to secure a good trade. Moreover, he carried a well selected stock of goods, his prices were reasonable and his business methods thoroughly reliable. His activities have constantly broadened in scope and from merchandising he turned his attention to the field of banking, in which he has operated successfully for nineteen years. In connection with T. J. Campbell he organized and established the Citizens Bank of Rossville in 1891, and after conducting it under that name for sometime, he with others reorganized it under the name of the First National Bank of Rossville. He also became one of the organizers of the Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Danville, acting as its president for some years, and in these connections conducted a general banking business, his progressive spirit being at all times tempered by a conservatism that safeguards the interests of depositors and establishes an unassailable reputation for the institutions and their reliable methods. While he is not an active factor in business at the present time, he is still one of the directors of the First National Bank of Rossville.

On the 5th of September, 1888, in Rossville, Mr. Cunningham was married to Miss Orrie L. Albright, a daughter of Samuel and Mary Albright, natives of Ohio, who came to Vermilion county more than a half century ago. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham are: Thomas A., nineteen years of age; Irene M., thirteen years of age; and Willard T., aged eleven.

The parents are members of the Methodist church and Mr. Cunningham gives his political support to the democracy. He has never sought to figure prominently in political circles, however, concentrating his energies upon his business affairs until, with a handsome competence acquired from his labors, he retired to private life, devoting his time to those activities which are a source of interest and pleasure.

C. V. McCLENATHAN.

His ability to correctly solve business problems, his undaunted enterprise and his determination have brought C. V. McClenathan into important relations with business concerns and he has been cashier of the Danville National Bank since its organization. A native of Vermilion county, he was born on a farm near Catlin, October 3, 1864, his parents being George S. and Sarah (Remley) McClenathan, both natives of Pennsylvania. On coming to this county they located in Catlin township, where the father subsequently purchased a farm and

continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until his removal to the village of Fairmount, where both he and his wife died. He passed away in 1896 and she departed this life in 1900. In their family were twelve children, six sons and six daughters, of whom three sons and three daughters are yet living.

Reared on the home farm, C. V. McClenathan obtained his early education in the country schools and remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority. He then spent several years in the west, engaged in the banking business, and in 1893 came to Danville, where he accepted the position of cashier of the State Bank, which was later incorporated as the Danville National Bank and of which he has since been cashier. As a financier he stands high in public esteem and his business probity is above question.

On the 31st of July, 1895, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. McClenathan and Miss Alice Weston McIntosh, a native of Will county, Illinois, and they have one daughter, Margaret Penn, who is named for his grandmother, Margaret Penn, who was a daughter of William Penn and a relative of William Penn the Quaker.

In politics Mr. McClenathan is a democrat, with firm belief in the principles of his party, and has become a recognized leader in local affairs. In 1900 he was elected to the state legislature on his party ticket and two years latter was reelected. During his incumbency he was made chairman of a new committee that had just been created, being the only democratic chairman in the legislature. This was a joint committee on penal and reformatory institutions and labor and industrial affairs. As chairman of the same he introduced and passed the anti-convict labor bill and also drew a bill to strike off all employes who were not in actual service, but it never came to vote. He took a very active part in legislative affairs while a member of the assembly and his course was such as to win the entire commendation of his constituents. He always keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and in matters relating to public affairs he occupies a progressive stand, manifest in his cooperation with many movements for the public good.

ARTHUR R. HALL.

Arthur R. Hall, practicing law at the bar of Danville as a member of the firm of Hall & Holaday, is a native of La Salle county, Illinois, and a son of Francis M. and Addie (Kelly) Hall. After the family came to this county, Arthur attended the public schools at East Lynn, and for further educational and professional training he entered the University of Illinois at Urbana in 1897. He graduated from the law department of the university in the class of 1901 and from the literary department in 1902. In the latter year the degrees of A. B. and A. M. were both conferred upon him by the university. Mr. Hall earned his own way through the university and yet he found time to take an active part in general university affairs. He played on the varsity baseball and football teams and was captain of the latter team in 1900. He was a member of one of the literary societies at the university and is a member of Phi Beta

Kappa. He is still actively connected with one of the larger departments of the university.

Mr. Hall was admitted to the bar in 1902 and entered upon active practice, opening an office in Danville about the first of September of that year. He has made reasonable progress in his profession and handles well the cases entrusted to his care. He was alone in practice until the 1st of November, 1906, when he entered into partnership with William P. Holaday under the firm name of Hall & Holaday, a relation which has since been maintained. He has continuously occupied offices in the Daniel building and gives practically his entire time to his professional duties. His political support is given to the republican party.

It will be interesting in this connection to note something of the history of his father, Francis M. Hall, who is widely known in the northern part of Vermilion county, having settled at East Lynn when his son Arthur was a small child. For a number of years the father was engaged in farming but later he turned his attention to the grain business, which he followed successfully in East Lynn. He retired from active business a few years ago and now makes his home in Hoopeston. He was a soldier of the Civil war, serving with the One Hundred and Fourth Illinois Infantry, and has for many years been a valued resident of the county.

WILLIAM McFERREN.

William McFerren, who during the later years of his life lived retired in Hoopeston, enjoying through that period the fruits of his former toil, was a native of North Carolina, born on the 17th of June, 1813. He represented old southern families, his parents being James and Margaret McFerren, who removed from North Carolina to Hopkinsville, Ohio, during the pioneer epoch in the latter state, making the journey on horseback. The father became a prominent farmer of that locality, also followed merchandising and coopering in Hopkinsville and filled the position of postmaster in that town. His business activity was a prominent source of the development and progress of the section in which he lived.

His son, William McFerren, pursued his education in the schools of Hopkinsville and after putting aside his text-books entered business life. His initial training was received under the direction of his father and later he went to Level, Ohio, where he followed various business pursuits. He was a man of marked enterprise and determination and carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertook. He continued his residence at Level until 1865, when he removed to Highland county, Ohio, where he lived until 1873. In that year he came to Hoopeston and his later years were passed in retirement from business. He was one of Hoopeston's most prominent, best known and most highly esteemed citizens.

On the 23d of April, 1841, Mr. McFerren was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Snyder, a native of Ohio and a daughter of John and Amanda Snyder, who lived in the vicinity of Cincinnati, where her father engaged in the packet

business. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McFerren were born seven children but three of the number are now deceased. Those who still survive are: Pingree, a resident of Asheville, North Carolina; J. S. McFerren, a prominent banker and merchant of Hoopeston, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Mrs. Mary J. Huey, of Hoopeston, to whom we are indebted for the material concerning her father; and Elvira, the wife of E. C. Griffith, of Hoopeston.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. McFerren joined the Squirrel Hunters of Ohio and was on active duty for thirty days in the vicinity of Cincinnati during Morgan's invasion with his Confederate raiders into the state. He was a democrat, loyal in support of the party, and his religious faith was that of the Universalist church. He also belonged to the Masonic fraternity and in his life exemplified the beneficent spirit of the craft. He was a lover of horses and always kept several good specimens of the noble steed. His social nature made him appreciative of friendship and the hospitality of his home was always cordially extended to those whose similarity of tastes and interests brought him into close touch. He was devoted to his home and found his greatest happiness in promoting the welfare of his family. He died in 1894. His were "the blessed accompaniments of age—honor, riches, troops of friends." During the period of his residence in Hoopeston his leisure enabled him to form a wide acquaintance and all with whom he came in contact recognized his splendid qualities and gave to him their respect and good will.

J. K. BUTZ.

If success means a long and useful life, a peaceful and contented fireside and ownership of a large and productive farm in one of the richest agricultural districts of Illinois, then may J. K. Butz be pronounced a successful man. Several years ago he passed the milestone of life indicated by the Psalmist's three score and ten and is now in the enjoyment of a needed rest after many years of well directed industry.

He first saw the light of day in New Jersey, September 17, 1835, and is a son of Robert M. and Elsie C. (Cool) Butz, also natives of New Jersey. The father came to Macon county, Illinois, in 1849, and rented a farm, where he lived for two years. In 1851 he came to Vermilion county, a large part of which was still unoccupied, and entered about seven hundred acres of land, which he improved by erecting log buildings and making other improvements, and here he continued until his death. In his family were eleven children, four of whom are now living: J. K., of this review; Mrs. Anna B. Mosher, of Danville; Robert, of Spokane, Washington; and Charles, of Vermilion, Alberta, Canada.

The subject of this review was reared on his father's farm and possessed the advantages of a limited school education, which, however, he has greatly extended, being a man of close and accurate observation and one who has always been interested in the affairs of the world and a reader of the best class of newspaper and of good books. He remained with his parents, assisting in farming operations, until he was twenty-three years of age and then, being

married, he bought a farm in Middlefork township, where he lived for thirty years, when he removed to Potomac. At the same time that he carried on general farming operations he made a specialty of raising and feeding cattle and was recognized as one of the most successful men in this line of business in the township. He became the owner of five hundred acres of land, but has sold off portions of it until at the present time he owns three hundred and eight acres in this county and also an interest in several hundred acres in Arkansas. It will be seen that he was actively and energetic in his operations and that he attained a commendable degree of success.

In 1859 Mr. Butz was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Tillotson, who was born in Warren county, Indiana, in 1836, and is a daughter of E. B. and Mary A. (Cronkhite) Tillotson, who located in Indiana at an early day, and in 1856 came to Vermilion county, Illinois, where they lived until their deaths. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tillotson, six of whom are now living. To Mr. and Mrs. Butz six children were born: Laura A., now the widow of John Collison, living in Oklahoma; De Witt C., of Bliss, Idaho; Dora A., the wife of Dr. Vandoran, of Urbana, Illinois; M. A., of Oklahoma; and Warren R. and Wallace B., twins, both living in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Butz are now living retired and enjoying the results of many years of toil. In the true meaning of the word they may be said to have worked out their own destiny, having attained financial independence without assistance from others and on this account perhaps do they doubly appreciate the comforts and blessings with which they are surrounded. Both Mr. and Mrs. Butz are earnest members of the Christian church and have undimmed faith in the fulfillment of the promise of the book which says: "Blessed are they that died in the Lord."

R. A. SHORT.

Among the men who for the last half century have utilized the opportunities offered in Danville for business progress and have attained thereby notable success is R. A. Short. For many years he has now been one of the most extensive and successful operators in real estate in this city and his activity has contributed to general progress and improvement as well as to individual prosperity.

He is a native of Vermilion county, born September 14, 1836, his parents being Thomas and Nancy Ann (Lanham) Short, both of whom were natives of Virginia. The father was born in Loudoun county and in 1830 came to Illinois, settling in Vermilion county. During his boyhood he worked on a farm for eight dollars per month and walked three miles to school. He became a well educated man and for a time engaged in teaching school near Maneeley's mill and took quite a prominent part in public affairs. In early life he supported the whig party but on its dissolution he became a republican and on that ticket was elected the second county clerk of Vermilion county. For twelve years he continued to fill that position in a most creditable and acceptable manner

and on his retirement turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. While living upon his farm he was struck by lightning and being paralyzed he was compelled to retire from active labor and spent the last ten years of his life in Fairmount, where he passed away in 1877. The same bolt that disabled him killed one of his sons and a hired man, one of whom was on his right side, while the other was on his left. The mother of our subject came to this county about the same time as her husband, traveling with a colony that established homes in the west, and she died in 1849. Subsequently the father married Virginia Lanham, a relative of his first wife. She died in 1870. In religious faith he was a Methodist and was a man of prominence in the community where he resided.

R. A. Short is one of a family of nine children, two of whom have passed away, namely: James, who was killed in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain while serving with the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry; and Colmore, who was killed by the same lightning bolt that injured his father. The other members of the family are: John C., a resident of New York; R. A., of this review; Alexander C., who makes his home in Los Gatos, California; Thomas, of Danville; and Clara, the wife of Elias Holiday, of Los Gatos.

During his boyhood and youth R. A. Short attended the common schools of this county and completed his education by graduation from the Danville Seminary with the class of 1858. Thus well fitted for life by a good practical education, he began his business career as a druggist, to which line of trade he devoted his attention for twelve years. He then turned his attention to the dry-goods business, becoming senior member of the firm of R. A. Short & Company, conducting a store in Danville until 1893, when he retired. Not content to spend his time in idleness, he then turned his attention to real estate and has since carried on business as a real estate, insurance, investment and loan agent and has since handled much valuable property, doing a very extensive and profitable business.

Mr. Short was married September 30, 1859, in Danville, to Miss Emily W. Murdock, who was born in Lafayette, Indiana, on the 25th of January, 1838, and is a daughter of John and Jane (Sterling) Murdock. Her parents were born, reared and married in Pennsylvania and from that state removed to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, where the father followed the occupation of farming until his death. Politically he was a democrat and religiously was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In his family were two sons and eight daughters. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Short, of whom four now survive: Lewis, who married Laura Grant, of Danville, and is now a professor of mathematics in the technical high school of Cleveland, Ohio; Lillian, a teacher in the schools of Rogers Park, a suburb of Chicago; William M., a lawyer of Fort Worth, Texas; and Walter, who is teller in the Citizens National Bank at Evanston, Illinois. The mother of these children passed away in February, 1907.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Short has always affiliated with the republican party and for many years he has been an active worker in the First Methodist Episcopal church of Danville, being officially connected with the

same for some time. Throughout his business career he has always faithfully discharged any obligation devolving upon him and thus established a reputation for undaunted integrity, his name being an honored one wherever known. Avoiding sham and pretence, his genuine worth has won him the merited regard and good-will of his fellowmen, and his record awakens admiration and respect. He has won an enviable success and no man's history indicates more clearly the value and power of close application, of concentration, of earnest and honorable purpose and the wise utilization of opportunity.

SILAS DICKSON.

Silas Dickson is a retired farmer residing at No. 417 Franklin street in Danville. He has reached the age of eighty years, his birth having occurred on the 25th of May, 1830, on the old Dickson homestead about twenty miles south of Danville, on section 17, range 12. His parents were David and Margaret (Waters) Dickson and the former was appointed the first public administrator of this county. He was born in Lewis county, Kentucky, and arrived in Vermilion county in 1824, at which time he entered land from the government and developed the farm upon which the family now reside. The work of improvement had scarcely been begun in this district. The Indians still roamed at will over the state and the forests were the haunts of wild animals, and wild deer and lesser game could be obtained in abundance. The Black Hawk war had not yet occurred when Silas Dickson was born.

He was educated in one of the old-time schools of the county, the building being constructed of logs while greased paper was used for windows. Through his youthful days he worked upon the home farm from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn and in the winter seasons he had the opportunity of pursuing his education. He continued to give his father the benefit of his services until twenty-five years of age and in early manhood he drove cattle from Illinois to New York city, making several trips. He was a pioneer in that business, being one of the first of this locality to take or send stock to the eastern markets. About the time he attained his majority he began farming on his own account, securing land adjoining his father's homestead. In time he became the owner of a tract of five hundred acres, including some of the best land to be found in the county. He resided thereon for six or seven years, his time and attention being assiduously given to its cultivation, after which he removed to Indianola and purchased a smaller farm of one hundred acres, which he sold before coming to Danville. He arrived here about twenty years ago and has been living retired since. His well directed labors and careful investment in former years brought to him a handsome return and provided him with the capital that has enabled him through the past two decades to rest from further business activity.

On the 13th of October, 1864, Mr. Dickson was united in marriage to Miss Frances Foos, who came from Madison county, near London, Ohio. Unto them were born three children: Lena, the wife of Ed Cannon; Robert, a bachelor



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living on the old home farm; and Bert, who married Myrtle Goodman and has two children—Silas and Francis. Mr. Dickson has served on the school board and is a stalwart champion of the cause of education. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and his life record has been in harmony with its principles, for he has exemplified in his daily conduct the teachings of the craft concerning mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. In religious belief, Mr. Dickson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

EZRA HACKMAN.

Farm work when carefully directed brings excellent returns to those who engage therein and a larger percentage of farmers perhaps than any other class of men find it possible in the evening of life to retire from active business. Such has been the record of Ezra Hackman who is now living on Main street in Rossville. His home, the last one on the street, stands in the midst of a well kept tract of land of nine acres and the place altogether presents a most pleasing appearance.

Mr. Hackman was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, August 24, 1843, and is a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Stamm) Hackman. The father was a native of the Keystone state and after living there for many years removed westward with his family to Delaware county, Indiana, where he purchased land and engaged in farming. He became the owner of extensive holdings and was a very successful agriculturist as well as a prominent and influential citizen of the community. Both he and his wife passed away in Delaware county and were there laid to rest.

Ezra Hackman accompanied his parents to Indiana in his boyhood days, acquiring his education in the schools near his father's home, and when not busy with his text-books worked in the fields or engaged in the sports which claim the attention of most boys. Lessons of industry, perseverance and integrity were early impressed upon his mind and have borne rich fruit in later years. He was but twelve years of age when he started out in life on his own account. Although his earnings were small he saved a portion of his money and this spirit of economy has characterized his life, bringing him at length a comfortable competence.

Mr. Hackman was but seventeen years of age when he responded to his country's call for troops, enlisting in the Nineteenth Indiana Infantry under Colonel Meredith. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac and he was raised from the ranks to the position of corporal. He continued at the front for three years and seven months and proved a capable and valiant soldier, fearlessly defending the old flag and the cause it represented. With a creditable military record he returned to his old home at the close of the war and soon afterward left Indiana for Watseka, Illinois, where he began farming on his own account. He purchased one hundred acres of land which he cultivated for three years and then went on a trip to Kansas. Finally, however, he located permanently in this county and for two years engaged in the cultiva-

tion of rented land. At the end of that time he turned his attention to teaming and in this as in his other business interests he has been very successful, at length acquiring a capital sufficient to enable him to but aside business cares and spend the remainder of his days in the enjoyment of a well earned rest.

On the 11th of February, 1864, Mr. Hackman was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Ann Childs, whose people came from Kentucky to this state. Unto them have been born eight children: Mary, who is the wife of Samuel Dietrick and has one child, John, now living in Delaware county, Indiana; Mrs. Elizabeth Rose Lemon, also of Delaware county, who has three children, Fred, Don and Ezra; Lulu, who is living at home; Emma, the wife of Oscar Thomas, a farmer living east of Rossville, by whom she has three children, Cecile, Hazel and Flossy; William, who is married and lives in this county; John, also a resident of this county; Abraham, at home; and Fannie, who is the wife of Roy Starr and has two children.

Mr. Hackman belongs to the Grand Army Post of Rossville, is recognized as one of the leaders in the organization and is now serving as its commander. He also holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious faith is indicated in the fact that he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. These associations indicates much of the interests and character of the man. His life has ever been in harmony with his professions and his good qualities have gained for him an honored name.

WILLIAM R. WILSON.

William R. Wilson, who since 1903 has lived retired in Catlin, was for many years actively and successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits, owning an excellent farm in Newell township. His birth occurred in Guernsey county, Ohio, on the 13th of December, 1834, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Rice) Wilson, who were born and married in the Buckeye state. The father there passed away in 1844, while the mother's demise occurred in Vermilion county, Illinois, in 1895. They reared a family of four children, two of whom are yet living.

William R. Wilson spent the first twenty-two years of his life in the state of his nativity, supplementing his preliminary education by a normal-school course. He followed the profession of teaching during the winter months for twenty years, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. On coming to Vermilion county, Illinois, in 1856 he located on a rented farm in Newell township and devoted his attention to its operation until the time of his enlistment in the Union army. It was in 1862 that he joined Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving with that command for more than two years. He participated in many hotly contested engagements, including those at Perryville, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge. While at Atlanta, whither he had marched with Sherman, he became ill and was discharged. On returning to Illinois he once more became identified with general agricultural pursuits and later purchased a farm in Newell town-

ship, giving his time and energies to its further cultivation and improvement until 1903. For the past seven years he has lived retired in Catlin, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned rest. In addition to his attractive residence he still owns one hundred and forty-four acres of rich and productive land and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

Mr. Wilson has been married twice. In 1860 he wedded Miss Katherine Deck, a native of this county and a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Deck, both of whom were born in Indiana. They came to Vermilion county at an early day and here spent the remainder of their lives. Unto William R. and Katherine (Deck) Wilson were born six children, namely: John, who is deceased; Sherman and Grant, both of whom reside in Vermilion county, Illinois; Cora E., the wife of E. W. Putman, of this county; Flora B., who is the wife of A. M. Battershell, of Vermilion county; and Edna, the wife of Clyde Goldman, of Danville, Illinois. The wife and mother passed away in July, 1887, and the following year Mr. Wilson was again married, his second union being with Miss Phoebe A. Elliott, a native of Morgan county, Ohio, and a daughter of Mathew and Anna (Wilson) Elliott, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Wilson was one of a family of seven children and by her marriage has become the mother of a son, Donald H., who is now attending normal school.

In his political views Mr. Wilson is a republican, being a stanch supporter of the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. He served as justice of the peace for several years and his fair and impartial decisions won him "golden opinions from all sorts of people." Fraternally he is identified with Bismarck Lodge, No. 893, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled some of the chairs. He likewise maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the G. A. R. post at Georgetown. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, to which his wife also belongs. The period of his residence in Vermilion county covers more than a half century and he enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders. He has now passed the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey and enjoys the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has at all times been upright and honorable.

E. A. PURNELL.

E. A. Purnell, who has charge of the warehouse of B. B. Miner at Muncie, was born in Fountain county, Indiana, August 24, 1864. His father, G. W. Purnell, was a native of Indiana and in that state wedded Nancy Henry, whose birth occurred in Kentucky. They remained residents of the Hoosier state until 1872, when they removed to Illinois, settling first upon a farm near Muncie, Vermilion county. Mr. Purnell purchased that land, continuing its cultivation until 1895. His wife died in 1893 and in 1895 he wedded Katherine Tenebaugh, of Muncie, where they established their home, there remaining

until 1901. In that year they took up their abode in Danville, where Mr. Purnell died on the 13th of December, 1908. His widow still occupies the old home in that city. By the first marriage there were six children: Ella, now deceased; Joseph S., of this county; one who died in infancy; E. A., of this review; John E., of Danville; and William F., of Veadersburg.

In taking up the personal history of E. A. Purnell we present to our readers the record of one who is widely and favorably known in this part of the state. He remained with his parents until twenty-two years of age, when he began farming in Vernon county, Missouri. After a year, however, he returned to Vermilion county, Illinois, and for two years operated the old homestead farm. Subsequently he rented land for a year and then took up his abode upon the farm that he owned and operated for three years. Turning his attention to the merchandising business, he established a drug store in Muncie but conducted it for only a short time. On the 1st of February, 1900, he took charge of the warehouse and elevator for B. B. Miner, of Indiana, and is still conducting this, displaying good business ability in its management.

On the 20th of November, 1887, Mr. Purnell was united in marriage to Miss Gertie Rankin, a daughter of F. M. and Elizabeth (Young) Rankin, both of whom were natives of Illinois. In their family were eleven children, of whom six are yet living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Purnell were born two children: Maud E., who was born in 1888 and has been educated in a business college; and Mabel, who died in infancy. The wife and mother passed away March 4, 1892, and a year later Mr. Purnell wedded Miss Emma M. Poindexter, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Giles) Poindexter, of Indiana and Virginia respectively. The father died in 1909 and the mother is now living on the old homestead north of Muncie. In their family were eight children of whom five survive, John, Annie, Sid, Emma and Hattie. Mr. and Mrs. Purnell have one child, Charles Clinton, who was born September 15, 1894, and is now attending business college. The family residence is a comfortable home in Muncie, which Mr. Purnell owns. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias lodge of Danville, and the Modern Woodmen Camp at Muncie, having filled all of the chairs in the latter. He and his wife attend the Christian church, of which they are faithful members, and their social qualities have gained them the warm and friendly regard of many with whom they have been brought in contact.

JOSEPH R. WINEGARDNER.

Success has attended Joseph R. Winegardner as he has traveled life's journey, enabling him now to live retired, although for many years he was actively engaged in farming and stock-raising. He lives on what is known as the Winegardner road in Ross township, about seven miles east of Rossville, where he has two hundred and thirty-three acres of rich land extending to the state line. This is one of the well developed farm properties of the community and while

not actively engaged in the work of the farm at the present time, the place returns to Mr. Winegardner a substantial annual income.

He is a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred on the 18th of July, 1852, in Franklin county, near Columbus, his parents being Artillias and Hannah (Iden) Winegardner. The father went from Virginia to Ohio when a young man and there became a contractor. He prospered in his undertakings, becoming a man of means, and about 1858 he brought his family to Illinois, taking up land near Pontiac. There he resided until 1864. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in the Eighth Illinois Regiment, with which he served for about a year and a half under Colonel Kilpatrick, the regiment being attached to the Army of the Potomac. He was assigned to duty with Company H and shared in the long hard marches and the active field work while at the front. During the war his family went to Newark, Ohio, and after its close returned to Illinois. They left Pontiac in 1866, removing to Vermilion county, where Artillias Winegardner took up the business of contracting, making his home in the city of Danville. Later he removed to Berlin, Sangamon county, Illinois, where he was engaged in a patent churn business with a company until after the death of his wife, when he returned to Columbus, Ohio, and carried on business as a paving contractor until a few years prior to his own demise, which occurred in that city.

Joseph R. Winegardner was a pupil in the schools of Vandalia, Illinois, in early boyhood and later in Pontiac, following the removal of the family to that place. Subsequently he came with his parents to Danville and later went to West Lebanon, Indiana, where he completed his education. In his youth he was employed at different times and in different ways, providing at least in part for his own support. When his education was completed he came to Ross township and worked at farming. By untiring energy and determination he has brought his farm up to its present condition, it being one of the best improved farms of the locality. His methods of cultivation are at all times practical and he added the modern equipments and accessories so necessary and helpful in prosecuting the farm work.

On the 6th of April, 1879, Mr. Winegardner was married to Miss Sarah E. Goodwine, a daughter of Abner and Barbara (Pence) Goodwine, both representatives of old families in this part of the county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Winegardner have been born a daughter and three sons. Ida is the wife of George Knighton and they have one child, Russell. Abner married Susie Norton and they have three children, Avie, Lewis and Claude. He resides upon the farm with his father and is operating the fields in connection with his brothers, Grant and Sherman, who are the younger members of the family. The younger brothers are both through school, Sherman having completed his course in 1909.

Mr. Winegardner is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Mrs. Winegardner has belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church since fifteen years old. His political support is given to the republican party and he has served as road commissioner for three years and as school trustee. He may truly be called a self-made man and deserves all the credit which the term

implies, for he started out in life at an early age empty-handed and has worked his way steadily upward, this persistent energy and determination enabling him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles which confronted him. The prosperity which he achieved has at length enabled him to live retired, his sons operating the farm.

R. L. WOOD.

R. L. Wood, making his home in the village of Bismarck, Illinois, was for many years closely associated with active farming and stock-raising interests and is still the owner of much valuable farm property. He was born in Blount township, Vermilion county, Illinois, December 10, 1878, and is a son of Henry and Marietta E. (Shockley) Wood. Marietta was born in Greenfield, Ohio. The father's birth occurred March 18, 1841, in this county, and on the 19th of January, 1900, he was called to his final rest. His wife who was born in September, 1851, in Greenfield, Ohio, is now living on Walnut street, Danville.

The Wood family has been identified with the history of Vermilion county for eight decades. The grandfather of our subject came from Ohio to Vermilion county in 1830 and entered land in Blount township, the deed to his claim being signed by Andrew Jackson, then president of the United States. The pioneer home of the family was a most primitive structure, being little more than a rail pen, but at the end of a year a comfortable log cabin was built, covered with a clapboard roof, while the floor was made of puncheons. Amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life Henry Wood was reared, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He became a miller by trade and he and his brother built a mill in Blount township in 1861, Henry Wood continuing to operate the same for eighteen years. From time to time he added to his property and at his death owned over eight hundred acres of land all in Blount township. He thus became one of the extensive farmers of the community and was regarded as a most enterprising as well as successful man. Unto him and his wife were born five children: Henrietta and Henry, both deceased; one who died in infancy; Helen E., who was graduated from the Danville high school in 1902 and was married the same year to Dr. G. M. French, of Peoria, Illinois; and R. L., of this review.

R. L. Wood spent the period of his minority upon the home farm and supplemented his public-school education by a course in a business college, from which he was graduated with the class of 1896. His training in the work of the farm was most thorough and he was thus well qualified to take charge of a farm of his own when on attaining his majority he purchased a tract of land of one hundred and sixty-eight acres. Later he bought more land and he now owns four hundred and twenty acres, situated on sections 31 and 36, Blount township, save for eighty acres which lie in Newell township. He has always made a specialty of raising and feeding stock and this branch of his business constitutes a source of gratifying profit. In all business matters his judgment is sound and his enterprise unfaltering, and what he has accomplished represents

the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents. He left the farm in January and spent one year with his family in Corpus Christi, Texas, after which he returned to this county and took up his abode in Bismarck, where he is engaged in the grain and live-stock business in company with J. W. Young.

On the 14th of September, 1899, Mr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Josie Deen Young, who was born in this township in 1879 and is a daughter of Noah Young. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wood have been born two children: Henry, whose birth occurred May 5, 1903; and Lee Morris, born March 17, 1905.

The parents are members of the Christian church and their many good qualities have endeared them to a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Wood has been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he is well known in Masonic circles, having taken the thirty-second degree in Oriental consistory, S. P. R. S., in Chicago in 1909. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp at Bismarck, and his social qualities and genuine personal worth make him popular in these organizations. In all the relations of life his has been a creditable record and he has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

T. W. BUCKINGHAM.

T. W. Buckingham, a highly respected resident of Vermilion county, now approaching four score years of age and still identified with the interests of the county, was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, April 23, 1833, a son of Joseph and Amelia (McCoy) Buckingham, the former a native of New York and the latter of New Jersey. Joseph Buckingham located in Zanesville, Ohio, in 1825 and remained there a few years, after which he removed to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he became a contractor and where he died in 1840. Mrs. Buckingham survived her husband forty-five years, departing this life in 1885. There were five children born to them, the subject of this review being the only one living at the present time. He grew up under the care of the parental home and was educated in the public schools of Pittsburg, Indiana. At fifteen years of age he began working upon a farm, continuing in that occupation until eighteen years of age, when he became a clerk in a store and afterward owned a store. Coming to Vermilion county in 1870, he lived for six years at Fairmount and in 1876 came to Potomac, where he has since resided. During the first years of his residence here he clerked in a store but in 1888 he started in the mercantile business for himself and continued until 1900. Since 1882 he has acted as postmaster of the town and, notwithstanding his advanced years, is now filling that position with general acceptance to the public.

In 1856 Mr. Buckingham was united in marriage to Miss Helen A. Clark, who was born in New York, April 10, 1838. She is a daughter of William and Rhoda (Tillotson) Clark, the former of whom was a native of New York city and the latter of New York state. They removed to Evansville, Indiana, in 1840 and later to Carroll county, Indiana, and bought a farm where the father died. Mrs. Clark came to this county, where she departed this life in

1876, at the age of seventy years. She was the mother of two children, but Mrs. Buckingham is the only survivor of the family. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Buckingham five children were born: Ella B. May, of Danville; Mabel B., now Mrs. Dr. J. E. P. Butz; George T., an attorney of Chicago; Myrtle B., now Mrs. R. P. Harrison, of Muskogee, Oklahoma; and Clyde C., the proprietor of two magazines and now living in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Buckingham is a lifelong republican and cast his first vote for John C. Fremont for president in 1856. He has served as a member of the village board and also as school trustee, and has always discharged his responsibilities with the greatest fidelity. For many years he has been identified with the Masonic order, in which he has advanced to the thirty-second degree and has filled all the chairs in the blue lodge. Mrs. Buckingham is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has through her life been an intelligent worker in its cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckingham are seventy-two and seventy-seven years of age respectively and four years ago they celebrated their golden wedding. In their long and useful lives they have witnessed many changes in the outer world, but within their own hearts has burned a steady flame which is known by the simple word "love," and which is one of the most enduring of all the attributes known to men. The tie that bound them together more than half a century ago when they were starting out upon life's responsibilities still continues and it is their faith that it will survive even the grave. Honored and respected by the entire community, it is the earnest wish of many friends that this venerable couple may live many years in the peace and quiet of a happy home.

W. H. LONG.

W. H. Long, a well known and representative agriculturist of Love township, was born on the farm where he now resides and which has been in possession of the family for three-fourths of a century. His natal day was August 11, 1880, and his parents were Levi and Martha J. (Keene) Long. The father, whose birth occurred on the same farm on the 6th of April, 1838, was a son of James B. and Sarah Long, who were born, reared and married in Kentucky and came to Vermilion county in 1835. The grandfather purchased the farm which is now in possession of our subject, erected thereon a log cabin with clapboard roof and puncheon floor and here carried on general agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest.

Levi Long, the father of our subject, spent his entire life on that farm, winning a gratifying measure of success in his undertaking. At the early age of nine years he commenced plowing and doing other farm work, continuing to engage in agricultural pursuits throughout his active business life. After raising fifty-three successive crops, he went to Texas on account of his health and there spent one winter. For a few years prior to his death he lived retired. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and he was widely recognized as a most loyal and public-spirited citizen, doing everything in his power to pro-



MR. AND MRS. LEVI LONG

mote the general welfare. He passed away on the 25th of December, 1905, having for some years survived his wife, whose demise occurred on the 6th of January, 1899. Their children were eleven in number, namely: James B., Flora E. and Sallie B., all of whom are deceased; William F., living in Colorado Springs, Colorado; John L., who is a resident of Indiana; Mattie Lee, the wife of Howard Pugh; Grace, who has passed away; Eva May, who is the wife of Arnold F. Gerrard and lives in Wells county, Indiana; Josephine, who is likewise deceased; W. H., of this review; and Minnie W., who is the wife of George Bedinger.

W. H. Long supplemented his early education by a college course and on attaining his majority wisely chose as a life work the occupation to which he had been reared—farming. When twenty-one years of age he undertook the operation of the old homestead place, cultivating it as a renter until the time of his father's death, when he purchased the property. The farm embraces one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 31, Love township, and an adjoining tract of fifty-four acres in Indiana. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he makes a specialty of raising full blooded Oxford sheep and, being a man of excellent executive ability and unfaltering energy, has found both branches of his business profitable.

On the 6th of September, 1908, Mr. Long was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Baldwin, whose birth occurred in this county on the 19th of February, 1884. Her parents, James and Laura (Golden) Baldwin, are likewise natives of this county and now reside in Quaker, Indiana. Mrs. Long, who was one of a family of five children, taught school for four years prior to her marriage. She is now the mother of a son, James Levi, who was born on the 18th of August, 1909.

In politics Mr. Long is a democrat and at the present time he holds the position of township road commissioner and also acts as trustee of the school funds, ever discharging his official duties in a most capable and satisfactory manner. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to lodge No. 632 at Ridge Farm. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church at Bethel, in the work of which they take an active and helpful part. The young couple have spent their entire lives in Vermilion county with the exception of four years which Mrs. Long spent in Fulton county, Indiana, and they enjoy a very extensive acquaintance within its borders.

JOHN W. KEESLAR.

John W. Keeslar, who has won distinction as a representative of the legal fraternity, now practicing in Danville, was born in Vermilion county, on the 24th of August, 1864, a son of Charles W. and Sarah (Snyder) Keeslar, the former a native of New York and the latter of Ohio. On coming to this county in 1857 the father located in Pilot township, where he purchased a farm and continued to engage in agricultural pursuits for a number of years. He took a very active and prominent part in public affairs in early life and was called

upon to serve as supervisor of his township, holding that position for fifteen years, and for seven years of that time was chairman of the board. He prospered in his undertakings and is now able to lay aside all business cares and live retired at his pleasant home in Danville. His wife came to Vermilion county with her parents in 1849 and also settled in Pilot township, where Mr. and Mrs. Snyder passed away.

John W. Keeslar began his education in the country schools near his boyhood home and supplemented the knowledge there acquired by a course at the Union Christian College at Merom, Indiana, from which institution he was graduated in 1885. He then took a post-graduate course at the University of Illinois at Champaign and was graduated from the law school at Bloomington, Illinois, in 1888. The same year he was admitted to the bar and in 1889 began practice in Danville, since which time he has been a member of the well known firm of Keeslar & Gunn. His fellow citizens, recognizing his ability, elected him state's attorney in 1900 and so acceptably did he fill the office that in 1904 he was reelected, serving in all eight years. In 1903 he gained considerable distinction in the prosecution of the Danville rioters, succeeding in sending twelve of them to the state prison. He is now successfully engaged in the general practice of law and has won for himself an enviable reputation in his chosen profession.

On the 4th of November, 1891, Mr. Keeslar was united in marriage to Miss Effie Sandusky, of Fairmount, Illinois, and to them has been born one child, Nellie. Socially Mr. Keeslar is identified with the Masonic fraternity and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

JOHN W. WILLIAMSON.

John W. Williamson owns and cultivates an excellent farm of one hundred acres in Ross township, about three and a half miles southeast of the town of Rossville, on the Bethel road. He represents one of the old American families, his ancestors having settled in New Jersey at an early period in the colonization of the new world. His grandfather, Daniel Williamson, was born in the vicinity of Newark, New Jersey, and removed westward to Ohio, where he took up land near Bellefontaine. His son, Charles Williamson, was also born in New Jersey and, removing to Ohio, became identified with the farming interests in the vicinity of Bellefontaine, where he made his home until 1875, when he brought his family to Vermilion county, Illinois. Here he lived until October, 1910, when he moved to Michigan, where with his youngest son he is now engaged in farming. His wife bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Braden.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williamson were residents of Ohio at the time of the birth of their son, John W., whose natal day was March 23, 1866. At the usual age he entered the public schools of that state, but at the age of nine years accompanied his parents to Vermilion county, Illinois, and continued his studies in the public schools of Newell and Ross townships, while spend-

ing his boyhood days on his father's farm. The vacation periods were devoted to the work of the fields, and after he put aside his text-books he aided his father in the farm work until his marriage, which was celebrated on the 5th of September, 1889, at Catlin, Illinois, Miss Katie M. Wolf becoming his wife. Her parents were William F. and Cornelia (Hickman) Wolf, both of whom are now deceased. Her father was born in Vermilion county and became a representative citizen of this locality. During the Civil war he enlisted September 19, 1863, in Company D, Thirty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out September 27, 1864. He entered the service as a private, but was promoted to lieutenant. He took a prominent and active part in public affairs and served as tax collector of Catlin township for several years. His father was Isaac Wolf, one of the pioneer residents of Vermilion county, and the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Williamson was also a leading citizen, active in public affairs. He served as sheriff of the county and in the management of his private business interests attained success, becoming a large landowner.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. John W. Williamson took up their abode upon a farm and have since been closely connected with the agricultural life of Vermilion county save for a period of five years which they spent in Oklahoma. They went to that state in 1890, Mr. Williamson homesteading a claim upon which they lived for five years, during which period two of their children were born. They had three sons and lost their only daughter, Mayme, who was their first born and died June 19, 1907, when in her fourteenth year. Their eldest son, Frank, passed away on September 12, 1899, at the age of three years. The others are Charles E., six years of age, who has recently started in school; and Benjamin E., two years of age.

Mr. Williamson has always been a warm friend of the cause of education and has done effective service for its interests while filling the office of president of the school board. He is a United Brethren in religious faith and is serving as trustee in the church. He is likewise a trustee of Bethel cemetery and is widely recognized as a man of many substantial qualities, justly meriting the high regard in which he is uniformly held by his fellow townsmen. Since his return from Oklahoma he has devoted his attention to the development and further improvement of his farm. His diligence and perseverance are the basis of his success and his life is a busy, active and useful one.

DANIEL WATSON.

Daniel Watson needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for as a banker of Rossville he is widely known, having gained for himself a creditable name and enviable position in the business and financial circles of Vermilion county. He is a man of resolute spirit and resourcefulness, and when one avenue of opportunity has seemed closed to him he has carved out another path that has enabled him to reach the goal for which he set out.

Mr. Watson is a native son of Illinois, his birth having occurred in La Salle county on the 27th of October, 1845, his parents being Stephen and Elizabeth

(Clark) Watson. While spending his boyhood days under the parental roof he mastered the fundamental branches of learning as a pupil in the public schools of his native county and later he continued his education in a private school in the south having, at the age of fourteen years, gone to Texas with his brother. While in that state he learned and followed the blacksmith's trade and during the period of his residence in the south he managed to save from his earnings the sum of five hundred dollars, which constituted the nucleus of his present prosperity.

With that capital Mr. Watson returned to the north when twenty-three years of age, settling first in Seneca, Illinois, after which he went to Danville. For about fourteen years he engaged in the meat business at Danville, conducting a well appointed market. Through this period he was establishing a business reputation which has been one of the foundation stones upon which his present success as a banker has been builded. He entered the field of banking in 1873 with his two brothers, Washington and Alva, business being carried on under the name of Washington Watson, who managed affairs until failing health compelled his retirement and on the 1st of October, 1884, Daniel Watson took charge. The bank was then conducted under the name of D. Watson & Company until October 1, 1910, when it was reorganized and the name changed to the Farmers National Bank, with our subject as president. A man of keen insight, resourcefulness and ready adaptability, he soon acquainted himself with every detail of the business on taking charge of the bank and has met with most excellent success in its management.

Mr. Watson first married Emma E. Odom, who died in 1869, and their only child died in infancy. For his second wife he married Ellen Ream, whose death occurred in 1895, and in 1901 he was united in marriage to Eliza E. Henderson and they have one daughter, Catharine Gertrude.

The life record of Mr. Watson has at all times been a creditable one. Each forward step in his career has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities and his success has been attained in legitimate lines of trade without the adoption of a single underhand business method or principle. Under safe, conservative lines he is conducting the bank of which he is now the head, and it is proving not only a source of individual profit but also an element of great convenience and value to the business men of the town and surrounding country.

JACOB F. ILLK.

Jacob F. Illk, living retired at Oakwood, Vermilion county, since 1898, and for forty-five years identified with the farming interests of this region, was born in Wittenberg, Germany, January 6, 1836. He is of good German stock and is a son of Daniel and Agnes (Frank) Illk, both natives of Wittenberg. The father served as a soldier under Napoleon Bonaparte and, although it was against his will, he participated in the disastrous Russian campaign, being one of the few survivors of that memorable expedition. After returning home he lived for many years, being called to his reward in 1883. His wife died twenty-

five years before, in 1858. Eleven children were born to them, of whom three are still living, Abraham, Gottlieb and Jacob F., all of this county.

Jacob F. Illk was educated in the old country, but when he became eighteen years of age, his brother Abraham having preceded him to the United States, he decided to seek his fortune in the republic and accordingly he came to Vermilion county, Illinois, where he has since lived. For eight years after his arrival here he worked by the month, a part of the time assisting in building the Wabash, the Illinois Central and the Big Four Railways.

The great rebellion aroused in him the spirit of the soldier and he yielded to the impulse by enlisting in 1864 in the Eleventh Illinois Infantry, General Canby being the commander of the army corps to which this regiment was assigned. He saw some hard fighting at Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely and was also engaged in a number of skirmishes, his services concluding in July, 1865, when he received his honorable discharge and returned to this county.

Previous to his enlistment he had purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres and this land he energetically proceeded to develop, also adding from time to time until he now is owner of a finely improved farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres. For many years he made a specialty of handling live stock and, having gained a thorough practical knowledge of this branch of the farming industry, he became one of the prominent live stock men in his part of the county. For the past twelve years he leased his farm and in a comfortable home, surrounded by many friends and acquaintances, he is enjoying the quiet of his declining years.

On September 30, 1867, Mr. Illk was united in marriage to Miss Julia Goodner, a native of Indiana, who came to this state in 1866. Five children were born to them, the first of whom died in infancy, and Nora, the third in order of birth, died at Cripple Creek, Colorado. Those living are: Hulda, a resident of California; Rupert A., who is a minister of the gospel and resides with his parents; and Ira L., who lives in Vermilion county. Mrs. Illk was called from earthly responsibilities in September, 1905, and three years later Mr. Illk was married to Miss Jane Andrews, a native of Carroll county, Indiana, and a daughter of John Andrews, who came from Ohio to Indiana at an early day. Mrs. Illk is one of two daughters born to her parents, her sister, Drusella now living at Dayton, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Illk are both affiliated with the Methodist church and are active workers in its behalf. Politically he is identified with the prohibition party and, while he has not been an aspirant for office, he has served as postmaster at Oakwood for two terms and also discharged with great acceptance to the community his responsibilities as member of the school board. He has always been an ardent advocate of education and all of his children were sent to college, where they were given every advantage of improvement of the mind that could be desired. The elder daughter was for fourteen years a school teacher and the younger daughter taught for one year. Mr. Illk is a worthy representative of the Teutonic element which has assisted in such an important degree in upbuilding this country and during the time of the Civil war staunchly supported the stars and stripes, showing by the sacrifices of its sons on many a hard fought battlefield their fidelity to principles which they considered true. Mr. Illk was

a brave soldier and his honorable discharge from the army is a document his descendents should always retain as of priceless value. In the vocations of peace he has shown undaunted perseverance and unimpeachable integrity and has truly earned the enviable position he occupies as an honored and trusted citizen.

W. S. COSSAIRT, M. D.

Among the medical practitioners of Vermilion county who have earned success by conscientious application to their profession after years of thorough preparation is Dr. W. S. Cossairt, of Potomac. Ten years ago he began practice in the same community where he has since remained and today he is one of the leading physicians in this part of the county. He was born in Potomac, September 2, 1869, and is a son of William and Louisa (Smith) Cossairt. The father was born on a farm seven miles east of Potomac and the mother in the town. The father is still living, but the mother on October 30, 1910, fell and injured herself, dying from the effects the following Saturday.

The subject of this review was educated in Vermilion county and later studied for three years in the Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Illinois. After leaving the university he began teaching school and continued for three years earning money which enabled him in 1896 to become a student in Rush Medical College of Chicago, one of the great medical institutions of the country. Here he continued for four years under some of the most celebrated instructors in the various branches of the medical profession to be found in the United States. He proved to be a highly promising student and was graduated with honors with the coveted title of M. D., in 1900. Immediately upon leaving college he practiced for seven years in Potomac by himself and then became associated with Dr. J. E. P. Butz, of that place. As a general practitioner Dr. Cossairt has from the beginning of his career been unusually successful, his equipment for the work having been thorough and practical. He has a well selected medical library and is a constant reader of the best medical magazines, keeping posted as to the latest advances in a profession that has made marvelous progress in recent years. The position he has attained is the direct result of faithful application and a deep interest in the work to which he has devoted the best energies of his life.

On October 9, 1901, Dr. Cossairt was united in marriage to Miss Minerva Viola Acton, of Potomac, and unto them has been born one child, Louie Jane. Dr. Cossairt holds membership in the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, but his time is almost taken up with the duties of his practice and he has little opportunity for social recreation. Mrs. Cossairt is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but her husband does not belong to any religious denomination, although he is a generous contributor toward the work carried on by the local churches. It has been said that what a man can do best, that is the task given him by his Creator. Fortunate is he who finds the work for which he is by nature adapted, and doubly fortunate is he if he finds this

work at the beginning of his active career. Then indeed does he labor not entirely for financial gain, but for the joy and the excellency of the things he is doing. Under such circumstances powers are awakened that are unknown to the one who drudges at his work and success is as certain as life itself. Dr. Cossairt apparently found the work for which he was born and he was not required to pass through years of waiting before obtaining a lucrative practice and it need hardly be said that he has gained the confidence and respect not only of his brother practitioners but of all to who he is known.

R. M. KNOX.

R. M. Knox is now dividing his time between his home in Hoopeston, where he spends the summer months, and Florida, where the winter seasons are passed. He long held a place among the leading and prominent business men of Hoopeston, continuing to operate in the field of real estate for thirty years. He was born in Holmes county, Ohio, June 14, 1840, and is a son of Andrew J. and Elizabeth (Richards) Knox, formerly residents of Wayne county, Ohio, where the father followed the occupation of farming.

It was in that county that R. M. Knox pursued his education, his opportunities in that direction being limited to the branches offered by the public schools. He gave his time to his studies as he could until about twenty-three years of age, but much of his youth was devoted to farm work as he assisted his father in the labors of the fields. He then learned the trade of carriage-making and upon his removal to the middle west in 1864 settled in Paxton, Illinois. Previous to this he had served his country during the Civil war, enlisting on the 2d of August, 1862, at Fredericksburg, Ohio, in Company H, One Hundred and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1864.

Mr. Knox engaged in teaching school in Paxton for a time and later turned his attention to farming, which he followed for seven years. He then leased his farm and in 1871 came to Hoopeston, where he entered the grain business, which claimed his energies for three years. On selling out in that line he turned his attention to the real-estate business and engaged in handling property and negotiating realty transfers in this part of the country for thirty years. He became thoroughly familiar with property values, had comprehensive understanding of the realty market and largely promoted the interests of clients in the management of sales and of purchases. At length he retired and now spends the summer seasons in Hoopeston and the winter months in Florida.

In 1865 Mr. Knox was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Given, of Ford county, Illinois, who died in 1875, leaving two children: Lulu B., the wife of Ernest S. McClellan, of Idaho; and Edwin R., a resident of Los Angeles, California. In 1879 Mr. Knox was again married, his second union being with Miss Jeanette M. Bruce, who died in 1891, and there were two children by that marriage: Robert R., a resident of Denver, Colorado; and Martha Helen, the wife of J. B. Dunn, of Florida. In May, 1892, Mr. Knox married Mrs. Martha Randall, of Hoopeston.

Mr. Knox is a valued and helpful member of the United Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as elder. His political views were for a long period in accord with the principles of the republican party and to it he gave his support, but during the last eight years he has voted the prohibition ticket, because that party embodies his ideas upon the temperance question, which he regards as a paramount interest before the country today. His fellow townsmen regard him as one whose word is as good as his bond. He lives up to every promise he makes, to every obligation he incurs. Those who know him in social relations find him genial, courteous and obliging, and he has gained high regard wherever he has gone, whether sojourning in the north or south.

GEORGE W. POOLE, M. D.

Dr. George W. Poole, whose ability in his profession is the outward expression of close study and long experience, was born upon a farm in Owen county, Indiana, on the 11th of September, 1859, a son of Hamilton and Charlotte (Parrish) Poole, natives of Kentucky and Indiana respectively. The mother was a daughter of Zebedee and Helen (Goodwin) Parrish, the former born in North Carolina and the latter in Kentucky. Following their marriage they became residents of Putnam county, Indiana, in 1828 and soon afterward removed to Owen county, that state, where they cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers and families who were reclaiming the region for the purposes of civilization and laying the foundation for its future progress and prosperity. They continued residents of Owen county until called to their final rest and there reared their family of seven children, namely: George W., Lewis C., Edward, Mary, Martha, Helen and Charlotte.

The last named became the wife of Hamilton Poole. They settled upon a farm in Owen county but when their son George was but three years of age the father passed away, leaving two young sons, George W. and Thomas B., to the care of the widowed mother, who long survived her husband, her death occurring at North Yakima, Washington, in the fall of 1899.

Spending his youthful days amid the environment of the home farm, Dr. Poole acquired his early education as a pupil in the district schools but afterward attended the high school at Spencer, Indiana. Turning his attention to the profession of teaching, which he followed for several terms in various places, he thus secured the funds that enabled him to pay his own way through medical college. His preparation for the profession which he now follows was largely made in the Louisville Medical College of Kentucky, although he had previously read under private direction. Following his graduation at Louisville with the class of 1888, he afterward entered the Post Graduate Medical College of New York city and was graduated in 1892. At intervals throughout his professional career he has studied in leading colleges, and private reading and research have also greatly augmented his knowledge and promoted his efficiency. He was graduated from the Polyclinic School and Hospital of New York in 1907. He entered upon the active practice of his profession in Russellville,



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Indiana, and later was located for several years at Greencastle, Indiana, whence he removed to Danville in 1896. Through a residence of fourteen years here he has been accorded an extensive practice, placing him in a prominent position among the medical and surgical practitioners of the city. He also has mining interests, having been one of the organizers and now the president of the Iroquois Mining Company, operating at Central City, Colorado.

In 1886 Dr. Poole was married to Miss Stella Baird, a daughter of Dr. J. W. Baird, of Russellville, Indiana. Their only living child, Alma, is a graduate of the high school of Crawfordsville, Indiana, and is now an art student. Mrs. Poole died in 1887 after a lingering illness, and two years later the Doctor married Miss Clara Goddard, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Goddard of Morocco, Indiana.

Dr. Poole gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a member of the Modern Woodmen camp, the Knights of Pythias lodge, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Masonic fraternity. He is registered as a practitioner of medicine in Illinois, Indiana, Colorado and New Mexico and in surgical work has been closely identified with St. Elizabeth's Hospital at Danville. He belongs also to the Vermilion County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and thus keeps in touch with the progress of the profession in the society discussions of measures, methods and principles.

HERMAN E. DOUGLAS.

It is a well recognized fact that in the business circles of today the younger generation are forging to the front, assuming positions of responsibility and controlling enterprises of extensive proportions. Prominent among the young men of Catlin who are accomplishing results in the business world is numbered Herman E. Douglas who, although he has not yet reached the twenty-fifth milestone on life's journey, is nevertheless making his presence felt in financial, commercial and political circles of that city. The family has long been an honored one in Vermilion county, where its members have borne an important part in the business and public life of the community, and the subject of this review is proving himself a worthy representative of the name.

The birth of Mr. Douglas occurred in Catlin township, Vermilion county, January 11, 1886, and he is a son of W. S. and Elizabeth (Clarke) Douglas. The father also a native of Vermilion county, where his birth occurred December 2, 1848, supplemented his early educational training, obtained in the common schools, by study at Lincoln University, and in early life engaged in teaching school in the winter months, while the summer seasons were devoted to farming. His time was thus fully occupied until the year 1900, in which he came to Catlin and entered the grain business, operating an elevator here for four years. At the expiration of that period he became identified with the financial interests of the city as the promoter of the First National Bank of Catlin, and

from its inception until the time of his death occupied the office of cashier of that institution.

W. S. Douglas was married on the 7th of January, 1869, to Miss Elizabeth Clarke, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and is a daughter of Silas and Mary (Woodruff) Clarke. Her parents were early settlers of Vermilion county, being numbered among the pioneers who came to this district in 1844, and here Mr. Clarke purchased a farm, upon which he and his wife made their home during the remainder of their lives. The former passed away in 1844 and the latter in 1848, and of their family of four children Mrs. Douglas is the only surviving member.

W. S. Douglas was a prominent and well known figure in fraternal circles in Catlin, being identified with the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Court of Honor and the Knights of Pythias, of all of which organizations he was a most active and interested member. Although he won most gratifying prosperity in business life, the full measure of his success cannot be taken in terms of material gain, for during his residence in this city he enjoyed the unqualified confidence and respect of his fellow citizens and few men more richly deserved the esteem in which he was uniformly held. He was devoted to the welfare of the city in which he made his home, his labors in its behalf being potent elements for progress and development, and he was never neglectful of his obligations to his fellowmen. A useful and upright life was brought to a quiet close when, on the 19th of January, 1908, he passed away, his remains being laid to rest in the beautiful Oak Ridge cemetery. Besides his wife he left to mourn his loss five children, who are as follows: Thomas W., residing in Frankfort, Indiana; Dora, the widow of W. B. Morris, of Catlin; Chloe, who married Gilbert Matthews of Frankfort, Indiana; Ethel M., the wife of Henry Jones, Jr., also of Catlin; and Herman E., of this review. One child, Carroll O., the youngest in order of birth, was born February 13, 1888, and was killed on the 16th of April, 1907, on the Wabash Railroad.

Mrs. Elizabeth Douglas still survives and makes her home in Catlin, where she occupies a beautiful residence. Aside from this she also owns two hundred and ninety acres of land in Indiana and is still in possession of one hundred and forty acres of the old homestead in Catlin township. She has reared her family in the faith of the Presbyterian church, of which she is a member, and her own deep Christian belief has found outward expression in the many ways in which she has sought to assist in the charitable work of the community. A devoted mother, a true friend, and above all a beautiful, Christian woman, she is loved by all who know her, and her circle of warm friends is coextensive with the circle of her acquaintances.

Herman E. Douglas, whose name introduces this review, was reared in an atmosphere of culture and refinement and yet makes his home with his mother in Catlin. He was afforded most excellent educational advantages, being a graduate of the Catlin high school, of the Danville high school and the university at Decatur, Illinois, and this broad training has served as an excellent preparation for the practical and responsible duties which now devolve upon him in connection with important business interests. Upon laying aside his text-books he became assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Catlin, of which his

father had been a promoter, and has held that position for five years, proving himself most efficient and satisfactory in the discharge of the duties connected therewith. He is also junior partner of the firm of Jones & Douglas, proprietors of one of Catlin's large general stores, and is officially identified with several other important enterprises, such as the Colier Coal Company of Catlin, of which he is secretary. A young man of unusual business discernment and resourceful ability, he has been fortunate in possessing qualities which have awakened confidence in his fellowmen, the simple weight of his character and ability bringing him into positions of trust and responsibility, and few among the younger generation of men today are playing a more conspicuous part in the business circles of Catlin. Not only has he evinced that fidelity to duty which has characterized those who have risen high in the affairs of the world, but he possesses those qualities of enterprise and organization which, having been so early brought into action, should bring him to even larger fields than those which now benefit by his labors.

Early becoming interested in the politics of the country and forming his own opinions concerning the platforms of the various political organizations, he has, since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, given stalwart support to the republican party. He is now acting as town clerk and also as school treasurer, and in serving the public he is manifesting the same spirit of energy and loyalty that is evidenced in the conduct of his individual business affairs. Fraternally he is connected with Catlin Lodge, No. 285, A. F. & A. M., and is also a member of Mayfield Lodge, K. P., of which he is secretary. Like his mother he is a member of the Presbyterian church, being an interested and active worker in church and Sunday school and doing all in his power to extend the influence of the organization in the community. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of Catlin, and his efforts are potent elements in furthering the material, political, intellectual and moral development and up-building of the city.

E. D. BROWN.

There is no secret process whereby success can be secured: it is always the result of industry, intelligently directed, and the life record of E. D. Brown is another proof of this fact. He is now a well known lumber and hardware merchant of Bismarck, where in a partnership relation with his brother, B. B. Brown, he is conducting an extensive, profitable and growing business. Moreover, he is connected with other interests which make him an important factor in the business circles of this part of the county.

A native son of Vermilion county, he was born in Newell township, January 17, 1872, his parents being J. C. and Mary Brown, both of whom were natives of Ohio, whence they came to Vermilion county with their respective parents in early childhood. The father still survives and makes his home in Bismarck, but the mother passed away in 1877. In their family were seven children, of whom five are yet living.

E. D. Brown remained at home until he had attained his majority and then started in life on his own account, working at the carpenter's trade. He is still doing a contracting business, in which connection he is accorded a liberal and gratifying patronage. After a time, in connection with his brother, B. B. Brown, he established a lumberyard in Bismarck, in which business they have been engaged since 1898. They now have a large lumberyard, carry all kinds of builders' supplies and are enjoying an extensive and growing trade. After a time they established a hardware and implement business, thus extending the scope of their activities. They have erected a two-story brick building, forty by one hundred and twenty feet. It would be a credit to a city of much larger size and they have also erected a large concrete building, fifty-five by one hundred and ten feet. In addition they own a farm of eighty acres on section 29, Newell township, and a tract of land of two hundred and eighty acres in Arkansas. Moreover, E. D. Brown is one of the directors of the Farmers & Merchants Bank and his name is an honored one on commercial paper. He is a man of keen business sagacity and is notably prompt, energetic and reliable.

On the 14th of November, 1894, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Ida Juvinall, who was born in this county and is a daughter of Andrew and Susan Juvinall, also natives of Vermilion county. Her mother is now deceased, but her father still survives and is living on a farm in this part of the state. Their family included five children, all of whom are yet living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been born three children: Lela M., who was born September 25, 1895, and entered the high school in the fall of 1910; Zella M., born October 13, 1902; and Viola G., born July 14, 1904.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take an active part in its work, doing all in their power to promote its growth and insure its upbuilding. Mr. Brown has served as superintendent of the Sunday school for fourteen years and his labors are most effective in eliciting the attention of the young. In his political views Mr. Brown has been an earnest republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has served as school director and also as trustee, but prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs rather than to hold office. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen camp at Bismarck and also of the Court of Honor. He may truly be called a self-made man and as the architect and builder of his own fortunes he has done a creditable work, his energy and perseverance enabling him to accumulate a handsome fortune.

CLAY F. GAUMER.

Clay F. Gaumer is leaving his impress upon the history of Illinois through the splendid work that he has done for the intellectual and moral progress of his fellowmen and for the support of those measures which uplift and benefit humanity, especially the temperance cause. He is now successfully engaged in the grain business in Alvin, but his life is by no means self-centered, reaching out continually to those questions which touch the general interests of society.

A native of Ohio, he was born near Mount Vernon in Knox county, March 14, 1870, and is of German lineage. His grandparents were Peter and Susan (Hauger) Gaumer and his parents were Jerome and Caroline (Freeman) Gaumer. Jerome Gaumer was also a native of Ohio and pursued his education in the public schools of the Buckeye state. At an early age he began acquiring land and as his financial resources increased, added to his holdings until his property interests were quite extensive, but in later years he has sold much of this. For a long period he was actively engaged in farming, carefully cultivating his fields according to progressive methods, but at the present time he is living retired on the old home place in Knox county, enjoying in well earned repose the fruits of his former toil. He has ever been regarded as a worthy and valued citizen of the community and enjoys the respect of all who know him. His wife passed away in 1894.

Clay F. Gaumer began his education in the schools of Knox county, Ohio, and when seventeen years of age began teaching. Subsequent to that time he attended the normal school at Danville, Ohio, but continued to teach at intervals for about four years. His ambition for higher education being still unsatisfied, he then pursued a scientific course and also took up the study of languages in the university at Ada, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1892. He was a prominent figure in the military organization of the school and held the rank of senior major under a regular army officer, winning honors as the best cadet in college. He declined an appointment to West Point and, continuing in the educational field, became principal of the high school at Custar, Ohio, where he remained for two years. On the expiration of that period he came to Illinois and was principal of the schools of Sidell for nine years. He studied each student from an individual standpoint and learned to meet specific needs. He had the ability to impart clearly and readily to others the knowledge he had acquired and also to inspire pupils and teachers with much of his own zeal and interest in the work. He has done some work in the Chicago University and throughout his life has been a man of studious habits, greatly broadening his knowledge by independent reading and investigation. While teaching he also devoted some time to the ministry, preaching on Sundays as occasion offered, and after removing to Alvin in the spring of 1903 he acted as minister of the church here for three years and also preached at times at Bismarck, Prairie chapel at Potomac and other places. About a year ago he purchased the grain elevator at Alvin and since that time has been giving his attention to the grain trade, meeting with excellent success in this undertaking. This business has not interfered, however, with his ministerial labors, as he still preaches every Sunday.

On the 10th of June, 1893, Mr. Gaumer was married to Miss Sadie Watts, a native of Champaign county, Illinois, and a daughter of Sinclair and Martha Watts. This marriage has been blessed with three children: Everett H., who is now in the second year in high school; and Clay F. and George W., who are in the intermediate grades.

Mr. Gaumer belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained high rank, being a Knight Templar and a Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree. He also holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Woodmen. His entire life has been

actuated by high and honorable principles and a recognition of the duties and obligations of man to his fellowmen. He belongs to the Christian church and is very active in the brotherhood. He has, moreover, attained distinction as the only prohibitionist who has been elected for two successive terms to represent his district in the state legislature. He was a member of the forty-fourth and forty-fifth general assemblies and introduced the first bill for state prohibition. Unlike many so called reformers, he is not a single-idea man, and when in the assembly gave close and earnest consideration to all the questions which came up for settlement, earnestly supporting those which he believed to be for the good of the commonwealth and as earnestly opposing those which he believed to be inimical to the best interests of the state. He has long been a close and discriminating student of political, economic and sociological conditions, and in these connections always keeps abreast with the best thinking men of the age.

CHARLES E. CHESLEY.

No history of Vermilion county would be complete without mention of Charles E. Chesley, who is a worthy representative of one of the old and honored families of Danville and has for many years been prominently identified with the industrial interests of the city. He was here born on the 16th of April, 1854, being a son of Robert V. Chesley, who came to Danville at an early day with his father, Colonel A. P. Chesley, a noted Indian fighter. The father of our subject was also in military service and served in the Union army during the Civil war as captain of Company C, Twelfth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Helen Marr Russell, was born in Connecticut and came to Danville in girlhood with her father, William Russell, the journey being made by canal the greater part of the way. Her father served as land agent here for many years and became one of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of this locality, dying here in 1856. More extended mention is made of the ancestors of our subject in connection with the sketch of L. A. Chesley on another page of this volume.

Reared in Danville, Charles E. Chesley is indebted to the public schools of this city for the educational advantages he enjoyed and was attending high school when his father died, and he was forced to provide for his own support at the age of seventeen years. He then learned the carriage-maker's trade with Daniel Force, but while yet a young man entered the employ of the Wabash Railroad as call boy. His fidelity to duty won him promotion and he served both as fireman and engineer, subsequently becoming foreman of the roundhouse at Tilton, where he remained for two years. He then went upon the road, but after a year once more resumed the duties of foreman, serving in that capacity for two years more. He was next employed as assistant to C. F. Lape, general master mechanic, and once more went upon the road as an engineer, continuing his connection with the Wabash Railroad Company for twelve years.

On resigning his position in 1892 he embarked in his present business in connection with his brother, John L., establishing boiler works on West Main

street, but a few years later they purchased the interest of William Stevens, an old pioneer in the same business, whose plant was located on Section street, and after the consolidation they removed to the latter location, where they have since carried on business under the name of the Chesley Brothers Boiler Works, manufacturing tanks, boilers, stacks and other sheet iron products, which are shipped extensively to all parts of the United States. Their business has continually increased and has reached such proportions that it is now one of the leading industrial concerns of the city. In addition to this business they also conduct a coal yard and have become interested to some extent in real estate.

In May, 1878, Mr. Chesley was married at Ridge Farm to Miss Ida M. Dicken, who was born at that place in 1860, a daughter of David Dicken, also a native of Vermilion county, his birth occurring in Elwood township. Five children blessed this union, all of whom are still living, namely: Beulah V.; Edna May, now Mrs. Laflin; Annie D., who is being educated at Nashville, Tennessee; Alice; and Robert E. The parents hold membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church and are widely and favorably known throughout this their native county.

Fraternally Mr. Chesley holds membership in the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Court of Honor. His political support is given the republican party, but he has never taken a very active part in political affairs, though he served two years as alderman of the fourth ward. He is, however, a very progressive, enterprising man, who takes a deep interest in public affairs and never withholds his support from any object which he believes calculated to prove of public benefit. As a business man he stands high in the esteem of his fellow citizens and the success that has come to him is but the just reward of his own earnest and persistent efforts.

H. P. BLAIR.

One of the highly esteemed citizens of Vermilion county who has gained a gratifying degree of independence financially entirely through his own exertions is H. P. Blair. He was born in Breckinridge county, Kentucky, November 22, 1849, and is a son of Mrs. Rosenna (Pyles) Blair. Early in his life he was deprived of his parents, who were supposed to be native Kentuckians, and although he grew up without the loving protection of a father or mother, he possessed endowments of mind and heart that carried him through many difficulties and enabled him as a young man to avoid the quicksands in which so many promising young men have been engulfed.

He was educated in the common schools, and on the farm he acquired habits of industry and economy which it is difficult to teach successfully in a city, and by years of patient labor and good management he became the owner of a farm which he improved until it is now one of the valuable properties of the county. It comprises two hundred and forty acres and is provided with a comfortable residence and with barns capable of sheltering many head of stock. Many im-

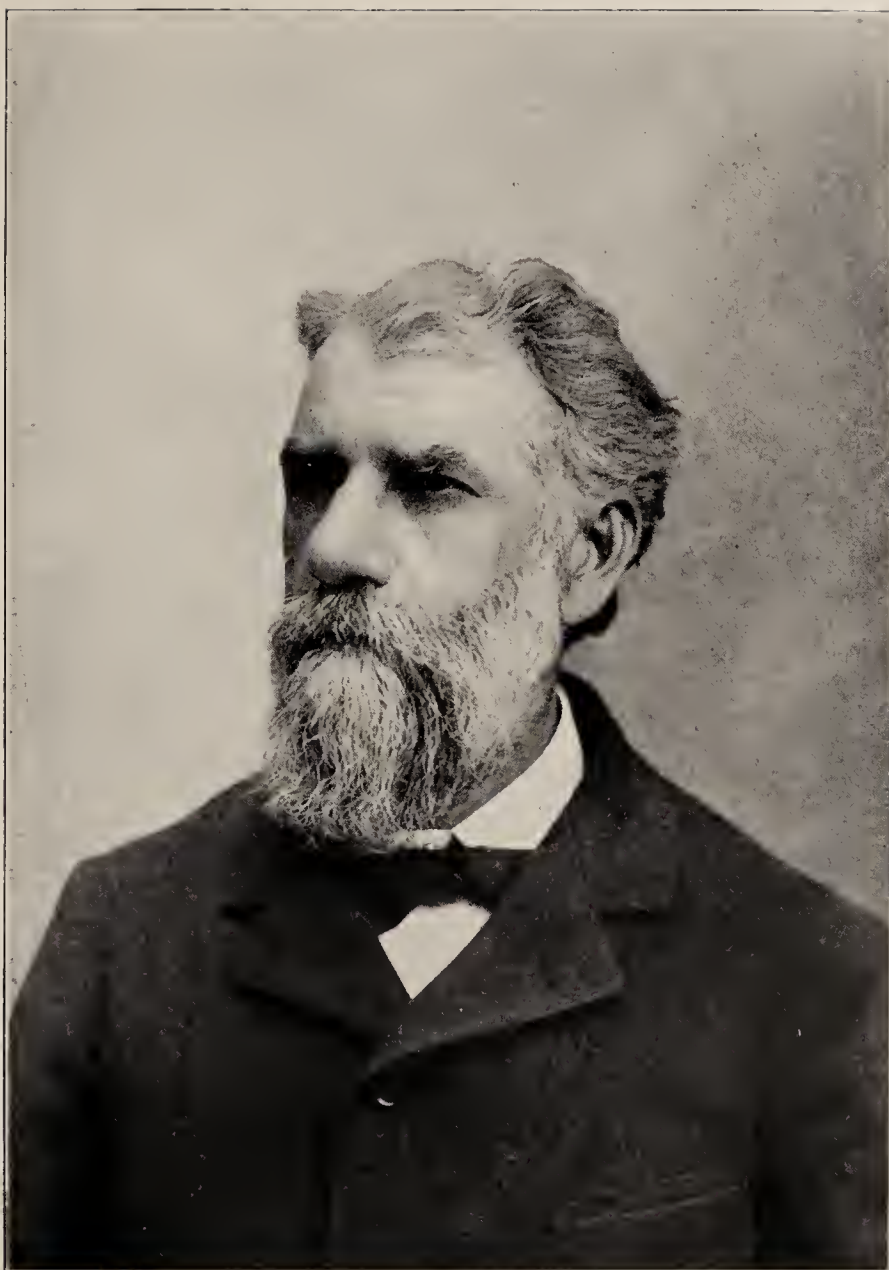
provements on the farm Mr. Blair has made with his own hands, and to the development of the land which he acquired many years ago he has devoted the principal energies of his life. He also is the owner of real estate in the same locality and of a beautiful and commodious residence and grounds in Potomac, where he now lives.

On November 25, 1875, Mr. Blair was united in marriage to Miss Nancy A. Adams, a daughter of George W. and Sylvia Ann (Buck) Adams, the former of whom was born January 27, 1829, and the latter May 1, 1834. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Adams: Samuel, who married Esther Call and is now a resident of Oklahoma; Sarah, who first married J. C. Leonard, who died in 1891, afterward becoming the wife of Frank Miles, now deceased, and makes her home at present in Potomac; and Nancy A., who was born January 15, 1856, and is the wife of our subject. One child has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Blair, George Edward, who is now conducting a farm near Potomac.

Mr. Blair has for many years been identified with the democratic party, but he is liberal in his views and often votes for a man regardless of the ticket which he represents. As a patriotic citizen he has performed such duties as he has been called upon to undertake by his neighbors and he is at present a member of the city board. Socially he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and he and his wife are both earnest members of the United Brethren church, and in their lives have aimed to follow the teachings of the great Master. Mr. Blair is known as an up-to-date farmer and a conscientious man who firmly believes in the institutions of his state and country and is always willing to lend his assistance in promoting the public good. He and his estimable wife have many friends and acquaintances who appreciate their sterling qualities.

WILLIAM RAY JEWELL.

William Ray Jewell, son of Benson and Martha McKinley Jewell, was born in Spencer county, Kentucky, August 7, 1837, and was brought to the new home of his parents in Curry township, Sullivan county, Indiana, in his third year. There he had a happy childhood, roaming and hunting small game and wild fruits in the magnificent forests, fishing and bathing in the streams, attending school, spelling and singing schools and church in the old log meeting and school houses. With those pleasures was mingled much hard work in aiding to conquer a farm from the primeval forest; like other children of that region and time he was set to work very young in picking up chips, trash and brush and feeding it into the big log heaps to be burned, often working ten and twelve hours per day. There were no child labor laws in those days to prevent children from doing pretty hard work; but each child had a law in his own being called "shirk," which was a pretty good protection against overwork. From light work he was advanced to the hardest of work in felling great trees, making them into rails, aiding to roll them into heaps to be burned, working in the harvest fields, and all that was done on a rooty, stumpy farm, where roots bruised the shins and horseflies tormented the best of men to strong words.



W. R. JEWELL

Out of that toil and play of childhood come bright memories of faces, voices and songs which will cheer the heart in all work, joy and suffering to the last hour.

At fifteen Mr. Jewell went to Terre Haute to learn to be a printer in the Wabash Courier office of Judge Cunard. He had longed to be a printer since reading in childhood a sketch of Ben Franklin, *The Printer*. He soon became both local editor and typesetter. That is, he was sent out to gather items, told to set them up without copy, "out of memory," as the editor-in-chief put it, and read proof in the stick. While at this work he studied law under the tutelage of Colonel Richard W. Thompson, "Old Man Eloquent," and was admitted to the bar. He took Colonel Thompson as his model in oratory and genteel deportment and remembers him with veneration to this day. Mr. Jewell truly says that the printing business, in all its departments, has been made over since that day.

When he aspired to a college education he consulted Colonel Thompson, who said, "Well, my boy, you can make it and there is nothing that you can do that will pay you better." He then took a preparatory course of that pioneer Yankee teacher and noble man, Professor Moses Soule, of Terre Haute, who was as much help of all that is inspiring in young manhood, as he was an aid to book learning. In Terre Haute Mr. Jewell lived much in the family of H. H. Teel, in which temperance, morality and good literature were cultivated; and to that family, especially to Mrs. Emma Ross Teel, he has always felt much indebted for moral and intellectual culture, only less than to his own home and parents.

By hard work in the printing office and reporting, and by sowing wheat on rented ground in the fall, and getting it harvested by swapping work with the farmers to get it cut and threshed, he made his way to the beginning of his last year in what is now Butler College, Irvington, near Indianapolis, Indiana. Then the great war of the '60s burst with fiery fury upon the country. From that hour Mr. Jewell gave his time to the cause of the Union. Being a persuasive speaker, he was busy with the work of recruiting until 1862, when President Lincoln made a call for three hundred thousand more men. Mr. Jewell worked with all his force in recruiting several regiments, himself enlisting as a private in Company G, Seventy-second Indiana Infantry, which rendezvoused at La Fayette, of which Abram O. Miller was made colonel, one of the bravest and ablest commanders; the regiment was part of Wilder's famous brigade, mounted and armed with seven shooting Spencer rifles. He was made orderly sergeant of his company and soon promoted to lieutenant. He was one of six brothers who were in the Union army at the same time, three of whom fell in the service and one of whom died after the close of the war of disease contracted in the service.

In 1863, after the hard battle of Stone River, discontent became so keen among the soldiers that many were deserting, and the morals of the army was much depressed. This was caused by the persistent misrepresentation of newspapers and speakers, who paused at no falsehood against President Lincoln and commanders in the field. Such writers and speakers asserted in every possible

distortion, that Lincoln's sole purpose in carrying on the war was to free the "niggers." To prove this they used the President's emancipation proclamation of January 1st, 1863. They insisted that Lincoln loved the "niggers" so well that he would sacrifice thousands of white men's precious lives to free them contrary to the constitution and the laws. "What are the lives and limbs of thousands of white soldiers to Lincoln, compared to the freedom of the niggers! Nothing!" With that sort of writing and speaking all those who had soldiers in the army were advised to write them and urge them to get out of the army at once, and in any way.

Many relatives and friends were in deepest grief over soldiers slain in the terrible battle of Stone River. Other great battles must follow. Many of the soldiers who received such letters deserted and others took them to their officers. The discontent in the army and at home became so acute that Governor Morton decided to have a host of men to come home from the army, go among the people and speak to them kindly (not calling them discontented "rebels" and "butternuts,") but friends and fellow citizens, and refute the falsehoods of disloyal writers and speakers. The two main arguments used were President Lincoln's famous letter August 22, 1862 in reply to Horace Greeley's letter of August 19, 1862, criticizing the President's delay in emancipation, in which the President forcefully sets out, "What I do as to the negro and slavery, I do to save the Union." Second, that in his emancipation proclamation of January 1st, 1863, the President left slavery undisturbed in all states and parts of states not in rebellion against the United States authorities, where it would have been easiest to set the slaves free.

Mr. Jewell was chosen as one of such speakers, and took some of those letters into the homes of the soldiers to whom they had been written. Some of the letters had been forged, and the relatives of the soldiers knew not that they had been sent. The parents of other soldiers frankly acknowledged that they had written or dictated some of them, because they felt that their sons were being sacrificed for the freedom of the negro, in gross violation of the constitution.

"We are willing our sons should die for the Union; but that they should die to free the 'nigger,' we are not willing," they sobbingly said as they trembled with emotion. Those men and women were not rebels, not butternuts, but misled patriots. The men and papers they had trusted had deceived them. Surely all who have sympathy for parental love can understand and forgive such aggrieved ones. In all cases but a few they were reconciled and wrote to their boys to stay in the army, when the explanation was made from President Lincoln's letter to Greeley, and his proclamation, and when it was added that the President was enlisting negro troops to serve on front under white officers, so that our soldiers would not have "to eat from the same dishes and sleep in the same beds with stinking niggers" as the falsifying writers and speakers put it; for negro equality was then a bug-bear with many good people.

Thank God those days are long since passed. The boys and their loved ones became reconciled and endured hardness like good soldiers. Those letters are mostly ashes and dust, and the names of their writers hidden from criticism, and we have but one country, and one flag.

When the work named above was done, Governor Morton commissioned Mr. Jewell captain of a company at Indianapolis, which did not want to go to the field and got permission to remain at home on duty. Captain Jewell desired to go to the field, and Governor Morton commissioned him as a staff officer of Colonel Ira G. Grover, of the Seventh Indiana Infantry, which belonged to the Iron Brigade, commanded by Colonel Wadsworth, and after he was killed in the Wilderness by General Bragg, of Wisconsin, and in this command he concluded his service. After the expiration of the time of the Seventh Indiana, Mr. Jewell assisted in recruiting the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Indiana Volunteers, of which Major M. C. Welch was made colonel, and Captain Jewell made a staff officer. The new regiment went into the field but saw little service on account of the end of the war.

He completed his course in Butler College, lived for a time in Danville, Indiana, then went to LaFayette for a few years, where he was partner with Morely and Marsteller in the lumber business, looking after collections and legal matters for the firm; and there he was again admitted to the bar, as the records of Vigo county had burned in the courthouse at Terre Haute. From LaFayette, nearly forty years ago, he came to Danville for the purpose of entering the printing business, and with Colonel Richard H. Johnson, of Roselawn, this city, established the Danville News, which became part of the Illinois Printing Company, which Mr. Jewell aided to establish, and of which he was an officer, as well as editor of the News for many years. He sold his interest in the Illinois Printing Company, and bought the News which he continued to edit for some years, when he aided to merge it with the Commercial of this city as the Commercial-News, and after aiding to edit it for three years he sold his interest to John Harrison and W. J. Parrett, having been on the tripod in this city for a generation, and for fifty years in all, with but little time off since he began in his boyhood in Terre Haute. He has also edited the history of the Seventy-second Indiana, said to be one of the best of its order, and aided in the history of the Seventh Indiana, published by Captain Orville Thomson, of Greensburg, Indiana. He is now the historian of Wilder's famous brigade, and has always been a favorite with the soldiers with whom he served, an officer of their organizations, and steadily their reunion speaker.

Mr. Jewell has been a political speaker from boyhood, making his first speeches for John C. Fremont, in 1856, before he was old enough to vote. He was presidential elector for Garfield, 1880, for Harrison, 1888, and for McKinley, 1896. He has attended state conventions as a delegate for many years and has been on the resolutions committee so much that he is often dubbed as "Old Resoluter." He cast his first and second presidential votes for Abraham Lincoln, and his last one for William H. Taft. He is the close and almost lifelong friend of Speaker Joseph G. Cannon, whom he regards as one of the ablest and purest statesmen that the nation has produced.

Thirty odd years ago the majority of the republican party in Vermilion county ran down to a very narrow margin on account of the unsystematic and what many thought unfair method of nominating candidates. Mr. Jewell was urged to take the chairmanship of the county committee and accepted on condi-

tion that the party leaders would aid in adopting and enforcing fair primary elections. By aid of Hon. J. G. Cannon, Judge O. L. Davis, Judge R. W. Hanford, John W. Dale, George Dillon, Hon. John G. Holden, Hon. Milton Lee, State Senator George Hunt of Edgar, and others, an excellent system was framed by which primaries in the county were held under the forms of the regular election laws, for over thirty years, during which the republican majorities so increased as to make this county one of the foremost republican counties in the state. Many other counties in the state and from other states sent for copies of Vermilion's primary and adopted it; and this primary system was among the first, perhaps the first in this state, or in the Union, held under the forms of law, and was far better than the present primary law of this state.

In politics and all relations of life Mr. Jewell is a reconciler, a harmonizer, a peace-maker. His motto is: "Forgetting the things that are behind, let us press forward. Look forward and fight forward." He adds that "only savages look backward and fight backward, instead of reconciling, uniting and fighting forward, and that is what keeps them savages, and that too, is the cause of so many failures in politics and in all walks of life." "If a man is not with you in this election, have him with you in the next, if fair, cordial means will avail, as they generally do. Forget the past but remember whom to trust."

One who has known Mr. Jewell well for many years says: "A clear voice, distinct articulation, an excellent presence, a perfect command of words, a limitless store of information which he focuses with powerful logic, a clear mind, quick to see the relation of things, a wit which with a flash withers or illuminates, a poetic imagery, and remarkable mental alertness, combine to make Mr. Jewell an orator of distinction. He is always in sympathy with the occasion, whether serious or festal, and always compels attention. He commands alike the tears and smiles of his hearers and never permits things to become dull.

It is often remarked that Mr. Jewell might be called at any time without a moment's notice and he would make a good talk on any subject. There are several occasions which come to mind where men of national reputation as speakers who have been engaged for a long period ahead in order to insure a fitting address for an important occasion, have been unable to keep their engagement and at the last moment have telegraphed that fact; when Mr. Jewell was called upon and within the hour began an address which when finished not only met the situation but was the occasion of expressions of satisfaction that the original plan had miscarried."

General Wilder says: "At a recent campfire at a meeting of the society of the Army of the Cumberland at Chattanooga, Tennessee, Mr. Jewell showed his power as a speaker in a marked manner. When the campfires were almost out on account of dull speeches and inapt allusions, Comrade Jewell was called on. After a few sentences all were laughing at the apt wit of the speaker, and after getting the attention of all present Mr. Jewell in burning words recounted the struggles of the great armies of as brave men as ever met in battle, on the classic fields about Chattanooga, where tens of thousands literally melted into the sod, consecrating it forever. Where troops on both sides met one another in manly contest for what they believed to be right, fought it out like men and

like men ceased to fight, and were so magnanimous, wise and brave as to have but one country, one flag and one destiny when the fight was done. Veterans of both the Federal and Confederate armies roared with patriotic applause."

General and Ex-Congressman Charles H. Grosvener was called on to speak after Mr. Jewell and said, "I cannot follow Comrade Jewell's cheerful, wise and timely address; it was so replete with charity and loyalty that it reminds one of the broad charity of the Apostle Paul. I think that Comrade Jewell should be sent over the Union to melt and fuse men in good-will and for the right."

Everyone who has been in touch with the political situation in Vermilion and surrounding counties for the past forty years knows that Mr. Jewell's power as a speaker has been a constant force in building up and maintaining the republican majorities which his county and the fifteenth congressional district have always rolled up. And Mr. Jewell has often in the hard political battles of the past four decades responded to calls to go over the state and into other states to help hold things in line.

Mr. Jewell's position as a speaker has always been wholesome and hopeful. He believes that the world is good now and is getting better all the time. In his heart there is no place for a philosophy which is not large enough to save all that nature has created.

Many offers have come to Mr. Jewell to devote himself to the lecture field, while he has filled many engagements of this character at chautauquas and with other organizations, he has refused all engagements that would take him from home any considerable length of time.

Mr. Jewell has also been postmaster for several years, having been appointed by Presidents Arthur, Harrison, McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft. He is a sort of general pastor and often speaks at the funerals of those of liberal mind, always with some regular preacher, seeking to set forth no new doctrine, but speaking of the deceased and striving to give peace to those in sorrow by words of faith, hope and charity.

He has lived at 210 Robinson street, for almost forty years. His ambition has been to rear a good family, and by the aid of the most excellent motherhood seven children have come to adult age, all of whom are industrious, sober, and respectable. To stay with his family and aid in their training, he has gladly sacrificed all prospects of official promotion that would break up his home and family.

ED HUSHAW.

Ed Hushaw operates an excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres in Ross township on the Bethel road about four miles from Rossville, and in its further cultivation and improvement is busily engaged, his labors bringing him a substantial return in large and abundant harvests. He is yet a young man and if he pursues in the course that he has already marked out and followed, he will undoubtedly win greater success as the years go by.

He was born in this county on the 5th of October, 1883, and is a son of T. J. and Fannie (Seymour) Hushaw, well known and representative residents

of this county. Upon the homestead farm Ed Hushaw was reared, pursuing his education in the schools of Ross township until he had mastered the branches of learning that constitute the curriculum. He worked upon the home farm through the periods of vacation and early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Therefore he was qualified by broad practical experience to begin farming on his own account after attaining his majority. His work is conducted along practical and progressive lines and he is systematic in all that he does, so that there is no loss of labor or material. He recognizes the fact that unabating industry, intelligently directed, is the only sure foundation on which to build success, and he is therefore diligently prosecuting his labors in the cultivation of an excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres.

On the 24th of October, 1906, Mr. Hushaw was married to Miss Maud Miller, a daughter of George and Anna (Haas) Miller. This marriage has been blessed with one child, Charles Franklin, who is the life and joy of the household. The parents belong to the United Brethren church and are highly esteemed in the community where they reside, the hospitality of the best homes being freely accorded them.

RICHARD PUZEY.

Richard Puzey, one of the large landowners and substantial farmers of Catlin township, was born in that township on the farm which is yet his home, on the 26th of October, 1849. His parents were Richard and Amelia Jane (Cork) Puzey, both natives of England, whence they came to America in 1847. They were married in Catlin township, Vermilion county, Illinois, and here the father engaged in farming upon a tract of land which he had entered the year following his arrival in this country and upon which their son Richard now resides. Their remaining days were passed upon that farm, the mother dying there in 1867. Mr. Puzey survived his wife many years, his death occurring in 1900, when he had attained the remarkable old age of ninety-four years and eleven months.

Richard Puzey, the only son of the family, was reared upon the old homestead and acquired his education in the country schools of the district. During the periods of vacation he assisted in the work of the fields, early becoming familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad, and as he grew in years and strength aided more and more largely until he had thoroughly mastered the branches of farm work from early spring plowing to the late autumn harvest. Upon attaining his majority he took full charge of the old homestead and he has since directed his energies to its further development and improvement. He began his independent business career well prepared by thorough training and previous experience, and his farming has ever been carried on according to modern and progressive methods. That his efforts along agricultural lines were calculated to bring good results is indicated by the fact that he is now the owner of seven hundred acres of fine farm land, all located in Vermilion

county and all under a high state of cultivation, constituting him one of the large property owners in his district. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, he has also engaged extensively in the raising and feeding of stocks of all kinds, and he has found ready sale and good prices for his product, owing to its good quality.

It was on the 24th of March, 1871, that Mr. Puzey was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Sarah Church, who was born in Catlin township and is a daughter of G. W. F. and Sarah E. (Jones) Church. Both parents were born in England and came to America in 1848, where they were married and where their remaining years were spent. Mrs. Puzey was one of a family of eight children born to her parents, and by her marriage became the mother of six children, as follows: Alice E., the wife of James H. Graves, of Georgetown township; Matilda M., the wife of Thomas A. Hinton, of the same township; George R., a resident of Catlin township; Florence E., the wife of L. V. Jones, of Georgetown township; Ernest A., who married Myrtle Smith and lives across the road from the old homestead; and Elsie A., yet at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Puzey are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Catlin, the teachings of which constitute the guiding force in their lives. He is a member of Catlin Lodge, No. 538, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the chairs, and his political support is given to the republican party. For nine years he served as road commissioner and for twenty-three years as a school director, and has ever been a stanch advocate of progress and reform, doing all in his power to further the influence of those measures which have for their object the development and upbuilding of the community. He is one of the directors of the First National Bank of Catlin, and the prominent place which he has attained in the business circles is indicative of the upright methods and honorable dealings which have ever governed his relations with his fellowmen. Having passed his entire life within the borders of this township, his record is well known to the residents of this locality, and the fact that many of his warmest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood days indicates that his salient characteristics are such as awaken confidence, respect and good-will.

B. B. BROWN.

One of the most enterprising business firms of Bismarck is that of E. D. and B. B. Brown, brothers, who are conducting important commercial and industrial interests as dealers in hardware, implements and lumber. They have built up an extensive trade and their enterprising methods and careful management promise further success in the future. B. B. Brown has always lived in Vermilion county, his birth having here occurred April 15, 1875. Mention of his parents is made elsewhere in this connection with the sketch of E. D. Brown. From the time he was six years of age until he attained his majority, B. B. Brown lived with his brother-in-law, William M. Stevens, and during that period mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools, thus becoming well qualified for active and onerous duties of business life. On reaching man's

estate he began work at the carpenter's trade in connection with his brother, E. D. Brown, and three years later they formed a partnership for the conduct of a lumber, hardware and implement business, in which they have since continued. They are accorded a liberal patronage in each line and their business is annually growing in volume and importance. The success of the undertaking is attributable in no small measure to B. B. Brown, whose careful and systematic methods and keen business discernment constitute important elements in the attainment of prosperity.

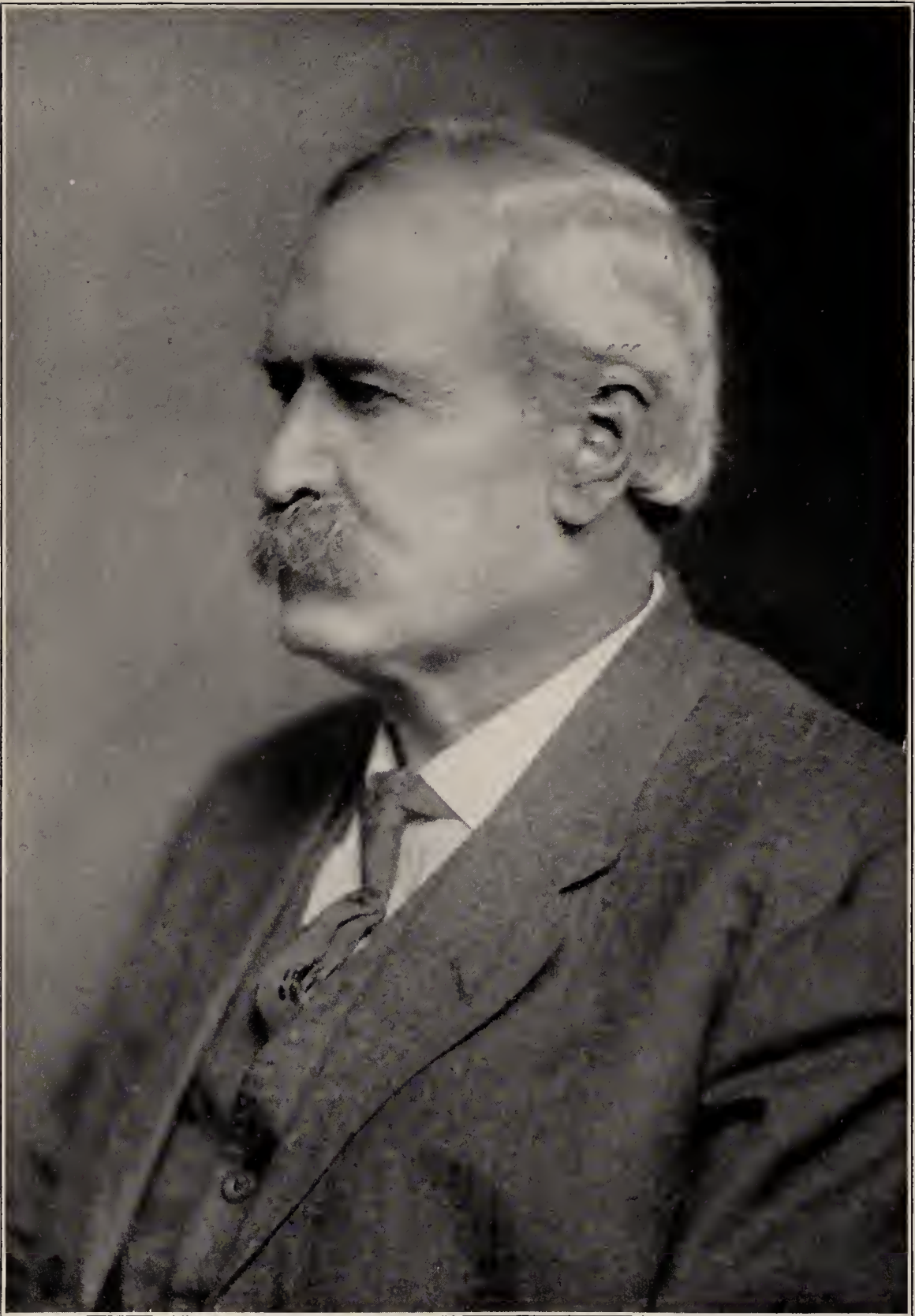
On the 3d of October, 1900, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Estella A. French, who was born in this county, July 3, 1876, and is a daughter of W. D. and Lucinda (Deck) French, both of whom are now deceased. Their family numbered five children, all yet living. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Brown has been blessed with two children: Helen May, born February 24, 1902; and Elston W., born March 29, 1904. The parents hold membership in the Church of Christ, in which Mr. Brown is serving as one of the deacons. They both take an active and helpful interest in church work and are generous supporters of the cause.

Without desire for office as a reward for party fealty, Mr. Brown gives unfaltering allegiance to the republican party. The spirit of marked enterprise which has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of the middle west finds exemplification in his life. Early realizing that persistent labor is the basis of all honorable success, he has put forth diligent effort along mercantile lines and has secured a gratifying trade by reason of honest dealing and earnest effort to please his patrons.

JOHN M. McCABE.

The success of any community is due in large measure to the efforts of men of the stamp of John M. McCabe—men who bring things to pass and whose connection with business and public life speaks for progress and advancement. A spirit of energy and determination has ever characterized the career of Mr. McCabe since entering the business world on his own account at the age of nineteen years, and during the intervening years his ambition has led him into connection with various enterprises, which, in the main, have proved substantial stepping stones to the gratifying degree of success which he today enjoys. He is one of Vermilion county's adopted sons, his birth occurring in Dearborn county, Indiana, on the 19th of February, 1844, a son of Alexander and Rhoda (Knapp) McCabe. The father was born in Ohio and the mother in New York, and in childhood they went with their respective families to Indiana, where they were reared and married. They began their domestic life on a farm in Dearborn county, that state, and there remained until 1870, when they removed to northwest Missouri, where they made their home for twenty or twenty-five years. At the expiration of that period they went to Independence, California, and there spent their remaining days.

On the homestead in his native county John M. McCabe spent the period of his boyhood and youth, and being one of a large family of children, was



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early assigned tasks about the farm and acquired practical experience which was at once thorough and comprehensive. In the meantime, however, his mental training was not neglected, for during the winter months he attended the public schools near his home and the knowledge thus acquired was supplemented by reading and study at home. Because of the smallness of the home farm the father permitted his sons to start out in the business world on their own account at the age of eighteen years, but John McCabe was nineteen years old ere he embarked independently, owing to the fact that his father had promised him a colt if he would remain and assist him in the cultivation of the home fields for another year. He earned his colt and upon leaving his parents' home came direct to Vermilion county, Illinois, where the following summer was spent as a farm hand in the employ of J. M. Daugherty, of Vance township. In the fall and winter of 1863-64 he was engaged in teaching in the district schools of Vermilion county, and the money thus received made it possible, in the summer of the latter year, to pursue a seminary course in Danville. In the fall of 1864 he was married and for several years thereafter he carried on agricultural pursuits during the summer season, while the winter months were devoted to teaching. His efforts in both lines proved successful and in the meantime his industry and economy made it possible for him to save a goodly portion of his earnings. Leaving the farm in 1880, he came to Fairmount, at which time he became closely identified with the business interests of this city. Immediately after his arrival here he purchased an interest in the Fairmount Grist Mills, with which he was connected for about eighteen months, after which he sold out and entered the tile business. For twenty years or more he was engaged in the manufacture of tile, in which connection he worked up an extensive trade, his indefatigable energy and unremitting industry proving salient features in the success of the enterprise. Not content, however, to confine his efforts to one line of activity alone, his progressive spirit led him into other fields and in 1893 he erected an opera house building, with store rooms beneath in which he conducted a mercantile business for several years. In 1897 he suffered a heavy loss through the destruction of his building and stock by fire, but, undaunted by this misfortune, he rebuilt the store rooms and continued his mercantile business for some five or six years, when he disposed of his business and gave his entire time and attention to the management of his farming interests. He owns one hundred and forty acres of valuable farming land in Vermilion county, the operation of which he personally conducted until about two years ago, since which time he has rented the land and has lived retired from active business life. He is the owner of one of the handsomest homes in Fairmount, his residence being constructed of concrete blocks and white cement bricks, which he manufactured himself. The combination of brick and stone, together with the beautiful architectural design, gives a very attractive and pleasing effect. For some years prior to the building of the house Mr. McCabe was engaged in the cement block business in connection with his other interests, and became very proficient in the manufacture of both blocks and bricks, his present home showing the skill and taste of a master hand. During a long and intensely busy career, in which Mr. McCabe has been identified with various enterprises, not all days have been bright, for he has met with some

severe losses and grave disappointments. He lost heavily in the lead mines of Missouri, and in connection with his tile business experimented on a patent of his own for the manufacture of a roofing tile, the failure of which was due to the lack of suitable clay with which to make the material. Four years ago he organized and was made president of an oil company for the prospecting for oil, but this enterprise, also, was doomed to failure, for after much prospecting they failed to develop any paying wells. He possessed that pluck and determination, however, which enabled him to rise above the difficulties and surmount the obstacles and, when one avenue of activity seemed closed to him, he sought out new paths and in the main his efforts were crowned with substantial results. His good business ability and keen discernment were salient elements in his struggle for success and were potent factors in gaining him the position which he later occupied among the most prosperous and influential business men of the city.

In 1864 Mr. McCabe was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Dougherty, whose father, Samuel Dougherty, came to Vermilion county, Illinois, from Ohio about 1834. He located in Vance township where he resided for many years, but is now deceased. The home of Mr. and Mrs. McCabe was blessed with four children, two of which, however, passed away in infancy. Their two surviving daughters, Effie E. and Elsie E., are graduates of the Fairmount high school and are yet under the parental roof.

Mr. McCabe is serving as trustee of the Presbyterian church of this city, of which he and his family are members, and they occupy a high place in the social circles in which they move, the hospitality of many of the best families being cordially extended to them, while their own beautiful home is the favorite resort of a large circle of close friends. The family are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and Mr. McCabe is identified with the Masonic body, belonging to Fairmount Lodge, No. 590, A. F. & A. M., in which he has passed through all of the chairs. He is likewise a member of Fairmount Camp, No. 1868, M. W. A., in which he has filled all of the chairs and of which he served as venerable consul for a number of years. In politics he has never been governed by party ties but cast an independent ballot, supporting the best men and most desirable measures, regardless of their party affiliation. He has filled all of the civic offices, including that of mayor of Fairmount, has served as justice of the peace, has been a member of the town council at different times and also occupied the office of school treasurer of the township, the cause of education ever finding in him a staunch champion.

Eminently progressive in his citizenship, he has ever been found in the foremost ranks of those who are striving for the best interests of the community and whose efforts are potent elements in the work of advancement which is being carried on in Vermilion county. He has been one of the most prominent advocates and workers for the traction line extension from Catlin to Fairmount which has been proposed and will doubtless materialize in the not far distant future, and he has been a leader along many other lines of improvement and development. Such in brief is the life record of John M. McCabe—a record which in its entirety is but another proof of the fact that no matter

what the early environment and advantages of the individual may be, the strongest characters are developed in those men who have had much to contend with and have had to make the most of their opportunities, and that industry, energy and integrity will win success in the long run. He is numbered among the most prominent and influential citizens of Fairmount, and his is a splendid example of the power and force of honorable manhood, of earnest effort and of high principle.

STEVE EVANS.

Steve Evans, formerly identified with farming interests but now engaged in the real-estate business in Rossville, in which connection he has a large clientage and is meeting with success, was born in Fentress county, Tennessee, on the 17th of January, 1859, his parents being Elliott and Sarah (Crockett) Evans. His maternal grandfather was a cousin of David Crockett, the noted explorer and Indian fighter, and was one of the early settlers of Kentucky. Elliott Evans, the father, was born in Tennessee and devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits, becoming the owner of considerable land. At the outbreak of the Civil war he remained loyal to his loved southland and enlisted in the Confederate army, serving with the rank of captain under Colonel Dibbrell.

Reared at the old family home in Tennessee, Steve Evans of this review pursued his education in a private school of that state which he attended to the age of sixteen years. Through the period of his boyhood he was also trained in the work of the home farm and gained practical experience that afterward proved of value to him in the conduct of his private business interests. When his education was completed he made his way northward to Indianapolis and soon afterward secured employment at farm labor in that part of Indiana. Later he returned to Tennessee and subsequently came to Vermilion county, Illinois, remaining for a short time at Hoopeston and at La Fayette. In 1880 he took up his abode in the vicinity of Rossville, where he entered the employ of a farmer and when he had saved a part of his earnings he rented land and began farming on his own account. When his capable management and careful expenditure brought him sufficient capital to justify the purchase of land he bought a farm and at different times thus invested in property, buying and then selling when a favorable opportunity presented. In this way he constantly realized a profit and gradually worked into the real-estate business in which he is now engaged. He has not only handled lands in Vermilion county, but also has interests in Texas and other states.

On the 17th of December, 1882, Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Hallowell and unto them have been born two children, Gertrude, who is a graduate of the high school of Rossville and is now the wife of Robert Braden; and Austin, who is also a high school graduate and has pursued a business course, since which time he has gone west, being now located in California. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, to the support of which Mr. Evans contributes liberally. His life has been guided by its principles and

his fellow townsmen find him a reliable man under all circumstances. His enterprise and laudable ambition have carried him into important business relations and at all times the course that he has pursued has commended him to the good will and confidence of those who know him.

WILLIAM TRIMMELL.

One of the most worthy citizens of Vermilion county is William Trimmell, now living retired after a long life of activity and usefulness, in the course of which he has contributed in an eminent degree to the development of this region and the establishment of the present gratifying condition of advancement and prosperity. For four score years, during the entire span of his life, has he been a resident of this county and, therefore, he ranks with the pioneers who found this region a wilderness and here wrought with such energy and faithfulness that it has become one of the garden spots of the state and is recognized as one of the most desirable places of residence anywhere to be found. In a life time Mr. Trimmell has witnessed the wondrous change and now in ease and comfort he has turned the care of the farm over to younger hands, and he enjoys the rest which he has earned by many years of self-denial and well directed labor.

Mr. Trimmell was born in Vermilion county, April 14, 1830, and is a son of William and Sarah (Gillen) Trimmell, his father having been a native of France and his mother of Kentucky. The father came to this country with his parents when a child and lived in Kentucky until 1823, when he removed to Vermilion county, Illinois. He was married in Kentucky and he and his wife were early settlers of this state, he being one of the men who assisted in laying out the original village which is now the city of Danville. For many years after establishing themselves here Mr. and Mrs. Trimmell lived in primitive style in a log house and in this house most of their children were born and reared. Hinges of the door were of hickory withes, the windows were of oiled paper and the family cooking was accomplished in a great fireplace which occupied nearly an entire end of the room. In those days the puncheon floor and the clapboard roof were to be found only in the homes of the most favored. Frame houses were unknown until after the introduction of the sawmill, the furniture was of the simplest description and such as could be made principally with the axe, but a generous hospitality prevailed of which we in the present day have little conception, while the social gatherings of the young people were enjoyed fully as heartily as the most elaborate functions nowadays. It was under these conditions that the foundations of the state were laid and it is doubtful whether a braver or more persevering people ever lived than the pioneers who redeemed the wilderness and established homes where now are to be seen every blessing of modern civilization.

The head of the family entered the land upon which he began farming and in later years he devoted a great deal of attention to handling live stock. At the time of his death he was the owner of five hundred acres of land, also having deeded to his children several hundred acres previous to that time. He departed

this life in 1848, his faithful companion continuing to live with her children until she was called to her reward in 1890. Seven children blessed their union, of whom three are now living; Mrs. Elizabeth Vincent, of Danville; Mrs. Beckie Piepfer, of California; and William.

The subject of our review grew up in the pioneer home, sharing in its joys and sorrows, assisting in the hard work necessary in removing the forest and breaking the soil of the prairie and securing such meager education as was possible at the log schoolhouse in the neighborhood. He has all his life been identified with the farm, continuing actively at his work until 1900, when he rented his farm but still lives at the homestead. He is the owner of three hundred acres of highly improved land and has also, according to the example set by his father, given to each of his children a farm.

At the age of twenty-one years, in 1850, Mr. Trimmell was happily united in marriage to Miss Roseilla Outten, a native of Delaware, who removed with her parents to Ohio and later to Illinois, where they permanently located. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Trimmell: George W., a farmer of Blount township, who is now the owner of a farm of five hundred acres; William P., also a farmer of this county; and Laura, the wife of Eli Fox, a farmer of Vermilion county. Mrs. Trimmell was to her husband an invaluable companion and assistant through all the years in which they were associated and was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. She passed away on the 30th of September, 1910, at the age of eighty-one years.

Politically Mr. Trimmell is an advocate of the principles of the republican party. He has never been an office seeker, as his attention has been mainly devoted to the farm, but he has always assisted to the extent of his ability in the advancement of education and of those interests which aim to promote the welfare of the community. From his earliest recollection he has been identified with agricultural pursuits and the success that has attended his efforts is the result of practical knowledge and unwearied attention to a business for which he was well adapted. In his declining years he enjoys the confidence of his neighbors and the gratitude of many to whom he has been truly a friend. Of such men it may well be said that they are the salt of the earth, the ones to whom the world instinctively pays sincere and lasting respect, accorded only to the truly deserving.

WILLIAM P. HOLADAY.

William P. Holaday is a well known representative of the Danville bar now engaged in general practice as a member of the firm of Hall & Holaday. He was born near Ridge Farm, his natal day being December 14, 1882. His father, G. M. Holaday, is a native of Tennessee and at an early age accompanied his father to Illinois, the family locating at Vermilion Grove in 1850. They were members of the Society of Friends and were farming people. The father of our subject is still engaged in agricultural pursuits and stands high in the community where he resides. In early manhood he married Martha Smith, who

was born in this county, her father, William Smith, having coming here at a very early day with his father, Isaac Smith, who at one time owned the land on which the town of Ridge Farm now stands.

William P. Holaday pursued his education at Vermilion Academy, the Friends school located at Vermilion Grove, and later Penn College, which is also a Friends institution, at Oskaloosa, Iowa. Subsequently he studied law for one year at the University of Missouri and at the end of that time entered the University of Illinois, where he continued his preparation for the legal profession. He served as assistant state's attorney under J. W. Keeslar in 1903-4 and then returned to the university, where he graduated from the law department in 1905. Being admitted to the bar, he opened an office in Danville the same year in partnership with A. R. Hall, under the firm name of Hall & Holaday, and has since been engaged in general practice, making steady progress in his profession.

In 1906 at Indianola, Mr. Holaday was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Gorman, a native of Edgar county, Illinois, and a daughter of John and Eva (Hill) Gorman, now living in Indianola, Vermilion county. For many years her father was engaged in farming in this county, but is now living retired. Mr. and Mrs. Holaday have one child, Helen, born September 22, 1908. By birth-right a Quaker, Mr. Holaday still holds membership in the Friends church and fraternally is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given the republican party and he has taken quite an active and influential part in local politics. His fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, elected him to the legislature in November, 1908, and he most creditably filled that position. His salient qualities of character aside from his professional relations commend him to the confidence and good will of his fellowmen and his circle of friends is constantly increasing, a fact which indicates an honorable and successful career.

H. G. CHURCH.

The agricultural interests of Vermilion county are finding a worthy representative in H. G. Church, one of her native sons, whose birth occurred on the 10th of March, 1854. His parents were G. W. F. and Sarah (Jones) Church, both natives of London, England, who came to America at an early day. The father entered land in Catlin township, Vermilion county, and for many years directed his efforts to general farming. He is now living retired, however, in Danville, at the age of eighty years, enjoying in the evening of life the fruits of his former years of toil. The mother, however, has passed away, her death occurring on the 28th of August, 1886, and of their eight children six remain to mourn her loss.

This number includes H. G. Church who, like the other members of the family, was reared to maturity under the parental roof. At the usual age he became a student in the country schools near his home and therein acquired a good knowledge of the common branches of learning, and the time not devoted

to his text-books was given to the work of the farm, in which he early assumed a part. He remained at home until twenty-five years of age, when he entered upon an independent business career as a renter, operating the old homestead in that capacity for about six years. He also conducted a dairy business during that time and met with such success in his undertaking that at the end of that period he was able to purchase a farm from the earnings which he had carefully saved. He became the owner of twenty-seven acres in Catlin township, which formed the nucleus of his present farm, and from time to time, as he prospered, was able to add to his original holdings until his farm now comprises two hundred and fifteen acres, all located in that township. He has instituted many improvements upon the place and the farm with its well tilled fields and well kept appearance is the visible evidence of the progressive methods and unfaltering industry of its owner. *

Mr. Church was united in marriage in 1880 to Miss Lola M. Douglas, who was born in Vermilion county and is a daughter of Paten and Mary E. (Dicken) Douglas, natives of Kentucky and Indiana respectively. They came to this county in 1851 and here the father passed away in 1872. The mother still survives, however, having reached her seventy-third year. Mrs. Church is one of eight children born to her parents, all of whom are yet living and by her marriage she has become the mother of four children, as follows: Nora B., the wife of D. O. Kinder, of Vermilion county; Ralph E., a graduate of the Northwestern University of Chicago, who now makes his home in that city; Mabel M., the wife of E. Clark, of Vermilion county; and Ita L., yet at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Church manifest their religious faith by membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they are deeply and helpfully interested, and they enjoy in large measure the respect and good-will of their many acquaintances. Mr. Church has never been so busy with personal affairs but that he can find time for participation in matters of vital moment to the community, and he gives stanch support to the principles of the republican party although not an office seeker. With him perseverance, diligence and integrity have constituted the guiding posts of life, bringing him to the honorable position which he now occupies in the opinion of his fellowmen, among whom he has long lived and labored.

WILLIAM H. BELLES.

Among the honored citizens of Vermilion county whose names are known beyond the limits of the county and who have by industry and good judgment accumulated a comfortable competence may be named William H. Belles. He was born in Fountain county, Indiana, December 12, 1847, and is a son of Elisha and Rebecca Belles, the former having been born in 1805 in New Jersey and the latter in 1815 in east Tennessee. They became acquainted in Indiana, of which state they were pioneers. They were married in 1842 and four children resulted from the union: Jacob S., now a hotel manager of Stewardson,

Illinois; William H., the subject of this review; Lee R., deceased; and Mary M., the wife of R. N. Draper, of Stewardson.

William H. Belles was reared in Fountain county, Indiana, and educated in the country schools, continuing to live at the parental home until he was eighteen years of age. Upon leaving home he went to Shelby county, Illinois, where he spent six months at the Windsor school. He came to Vermilion county in 1875 and has since lived in this county, except during a period of four years which he spent in Shelby county. He has all his life been identified with farming interests and applied himself with such diligence that he now owns a valuable tract of twenty-five acres of land adjoining the corporation of Potomac. This land has been much improved and upon it stands a fine brick residence, which is one of the attractive features of the landscape. He is also the owner of a residence in Potomac and several houses in Veedersburg, Indiana.

On July 21, 1875, Mr. Belles was married to Miss Mary I. Randall, of Moultrie county, Illinois. He was married a second time, October 7, 1886, the lady of his choice being Mary E. Young.

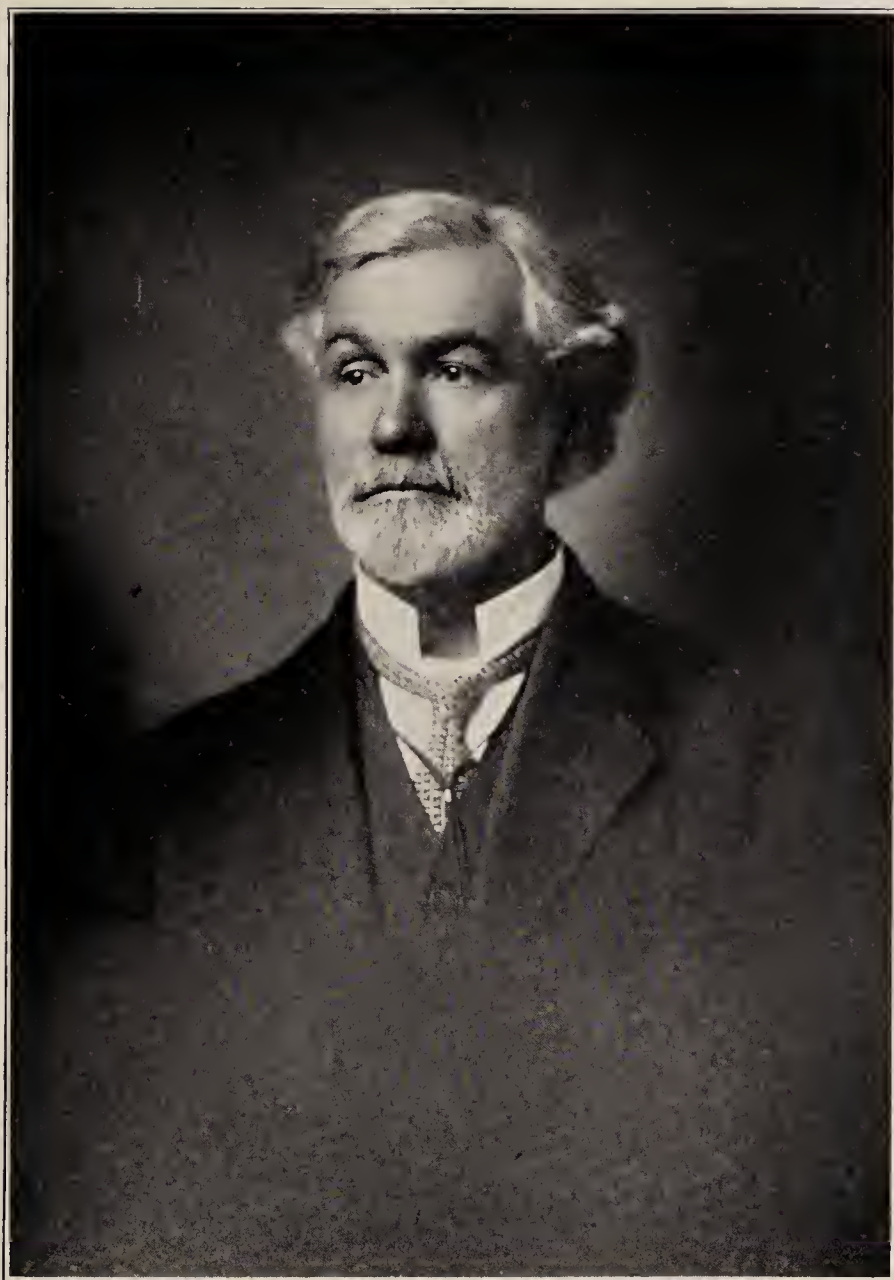
Mr. Belles is a man of more than one talent and he has not devoted his entire time to agriculture and investments. He was endowed with an inquiring mind and all his life has been a close observer and student. As a writer his name is favorably known and he has received many notices commending his literary productions. A book written by him, entitled "Cain's Sin," while it has been received with some criticism, is recognized as an exceptionally fine literary work and gives evidence of extensive Biblical research on the part of the author. Mr. Belles is held in high regard by those who know him and by his many warm friends in Vermilion county.

HENRY BOONE DOWNS, M. D.

Dr. Henry Boone Downs is a prominent and successful member of the medical profession now engaged in general practice in Danville. He is also taking a prominent part in public affairs, advocating, supporting and cooperating in all measures for the upbuilding and development of this section of the state along the lines of material, intellectual and moral progress.

A native of Illinois, he was born in Jasper county, November 15, 1859, and on the paternal side is of Scotch ancestry, though the family was founded in the new world at an early date. His parents were William Albert and Mary Jane (Thompson) Downs, who came to this state during its pioneer epoch. The birth of the father occurred in Virginia and it was about 1830 that he became a resident of southern Illinois, where he was residing when the Civil war broke out. Entering the service, he remained at the front for three years and a few weeks before the expiration of his term of enlistment he was taken ill and died. The Doctor's mother is still living at the ripe old age of eighty years.

Dr. Downs' earliest recollections are of a typical log cabin in which the family made their home. He was only five years of age when his father died



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and early in life he was dependent upon his own resources for a livelihood. His primary education was obtained in the district schools of Coles county, Illinois, where he pursued his studies during the winter months and worked on the farm through the summer season. Later he was given the advantage of a course at Lee's Academy and at the age of seventeen commenced teaching school, following that profession during the winter months for several years. Having decided to enter the medical profession he matriculated in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis, Missouri, and on the completion of the prescribed course was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1898. He at once embarked in general practice and is today one of the leading and successful physicians of Danville.

In 1882, Dr. Downs was united in marriage to Mrs. Elizabeth Fox, who died in 1885, and on the 25th of December, 1888, he was again married, his second union being with Miss Maggie Yelton, a daughter of Captain Yelton, of Newton, Jasper county, Illinois. He now has five children, namely: Ernest B., now twenty years of age, who completed his apprenticeship to the painter's trade, but having decided to make the medical profession his life work, is now attending the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis, Missouri; Erminie, eighteen years old; McCabe, nine years of age; William Albert, four; and Lois, three years old.

Dr. Downs is an active and influential member of the Methodist Episcopal church, being a local elder in same. He is also prominently identified with the Vermilion County Medical Association and stands high in the esteem of his professional brethren. As a republican he has taken quite a prominent part in public affairs and was candidate for representative from the eighth congressional district. He is a strong temperance man and his public and private life are alike above reproach.

ISAAC CHRISTMAN.

Isaac Christman of Rossville is the oldest resident in his part of the county. He was born in Preble county, Ohio, near Eaton, on the 27th of January, 1823, and has therefore passed the eighty-seventh milestone on life's journey. That his life has been an active one is indicated in the fact that through his own efforts he at one time owned sixteen or eighteen hundred acres of rich farming land in Vermilion county, Illinois, and Warren county, Indiana. His parents were Peter and Sarah (Stout) Christman, who have long since passed away. The father was a farmer by occupation and became one of the early settlers of Ohio, where he continued his residence until the fall of 1828, when he removed with his family to Tippecanoe county, Indiana. There were then no railroads in that part of the country and they journeyed by team to their destination, where they arrived on the 28th of October. After living in that locality for about two years they removed to Warren county, Indiana.

Isaac Christman was reared in those two counties and was married in Warren county, where he continued to make his home until 1848, when he came to

Vermilion county, Illinois, settling about six miles east of Rossville. He turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits here and for six years carried on the work of the farm, after which he returned to Warren county, where his father died about 1859. In 1879 he again came to Vermilion county and was closely associated with agricultural interests until 1893, when he took up his abode in the town of Rossville, where he has since made his home, enjoying the fruits of a well spent and honorable life. Up to the time of his retirement there were few idle hours. He applied himself closely and diligently to the tasks that devolved upon him in connection with the cultivation of his land and his labors brought him a good revenue.

In 1843 Mr. Christman was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Gundy, who died about 1884. They were the parents of the following children: Sarah Jane; Susan G., who became the wife of William Lincoln and has three children; Mary Ann, who married H. C. Swisher and has four children; Eliza Ellen, deceased; Joseph; Catharine, who is the wife of W. A. Hunter and has six children; Thomas Francis, who married Anna Brody and has one child; Lavina, at home; and Mahala Lurilla, deceased.

Most of the members of the family attend the Christian church. Isaac Christman, the reverend patriarch of the community, has throughout his life made a creditable record in connection with his business interests which, capably managed, have brought to him substantial success. He has been straightforward and honorable in all his dealings, has manifested public spirit in matters of citizenship and has been loyal to the ties of home and of friendship. These qualities, therefore, have made his record one of honorable manhood well worthy of emulation.

EDWARD J. HILLMAN.

Edward J. Hillman is engaged in the cultivation of a good farm of fifty-seven acres which he owns in Oakwood township and which is devoted to the raising of stock as well as the cultivation of grain. He was born in this township August 23, 1868, and is a son of Charles and Sarah (Hillery) Hillman, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. He is the eldest of their four children, the others being: Bertha, at home; George, who is married and lives in Muskogee, Oklahoma; and Mary, the wife of James Gutteridge, of Danville township.

The youthful days of Edward J. Hillman were spent in his parents' home and after acquiring his education in the public schools he continued to assist his father in the improvement of the farm until twenty-two years of age, when he started out in life for himself by renting land. He was thus engaged for twelve years, at the end of which time he purchased fifty-seven acres and has since improved his farm. In addition he cultivates some land which he leases. He has made a specialty of raising and feeding stock as well as cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and he now has a nicely improved place adjoining the village limits of Oakwood.

On the 3d of September, 1890, Mr. Hillman was united in marriage to Miss Emma Cloe, who was born February 7, 1871, and is a daughter of William and Lydia A. (Lefler) Cloe, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Ohio. Their family numbered six children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hillman have been born three children: Donald, who was born in October, 1893, and died at the age of seventeen months; Florence E., born February 17, 1897; and Charles W., December 23, 1900. Mrs. Hillman is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Hillman's membership relations are with Mission Camp, No. 1727, M. W. A., of Oakwood. His political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party. His support is given to all progressive measures and his aid can always be counted upon to further those interests which are of genuine worth in the community.

S. T. MAKEMSON.

The Makemson family is of good pioneer stock and its early members were men and women who braved the perils of the wilderness to establish a home where now may be seen well cultivated fields, handsome modern dwellings and all the evidences of comfort and independence. Could the pioneers rise from their graves and view again with mortal eyes the transformation that has been wrought on the prairies and in the valleys of Illinois they would hardly accept the evidence of their senses. All this, however, did they make possible and had they preferred a life of ease in the long settled east or south this history would not be written.

Among the sons of pioneers who deserves mention in a work pertaining to the development of Vermilion county is S. T. Makemson, whose name stands at the head of this review. He was born in Newell township, this county, in 1864, and is a son of Hiram and Prudence (Campbell) Makemson, the former having been born in Kentucky, April 2, 1826, and the latter in Ohio. Both families arrived in this region in 1827 and may be truly said to have been among the builders of this county. Our subject's grandfather, Andrew Makemson, settled upon a part of the land now owned by his descendants. He was born in Kentucky, November 6, 1797, and was one of the first settlers of his part of the county. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Hannah Martin, was born in Kentucky, June 26, 1795. The mother of our subject was called to her reward in 1890, but the father is still living on the old homestead. During his active life he accumulated eight hundred and sixteen acres of land, about four hundred of which are timber, but the remainder has been brought to a high state of cultivation.

S. T. Makemson lived with his parents and performed his share in clearing away the trees, draining the soil and making the land productive. In the course of his work, although it was severe labor for a young and growing lad, he gained the lessons of application that have since been of great benefit in his life. He attended school in the winter, where he acquired the foundation of an education which he has widened by reading and observation and by contact

with others, the last of which is by no means to be despised as a method of developing the mental horizon. After arriving at twenty-one years of age he took charge of one hundred and eighty acres of the old homestead, which he still superintends, and also assists his father in directing operations upon three hundred acres. He is one of a family of five children, the other four being: Almira, now Mrs. Charles Lucky, of Danville; Mamie, the wife of W. W. Currant, of Danville; Bertha Byrd, who died in 1894; and Joseph C., who died in 1908.

On November 6, 1887, Mr. Makemson was happily married, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah E. Byrd, a daughter of Mason and Mary (Cooper) Byrd, of Indiana. In the Byrd family were thirteen children, of whom eight are still living: Eliza, deceased; Amanda and Martha, both living; Mary, Georgia and William, all three deceased; Malissa; Morton; O. P.; Sarah; Edward; Charles R. and Minnie.

Mr. Makemson gives his hearty political support to the republican party and as a patriotic citizen has performed such public duties as have naturally devolved upon him. He served as commissioner of highways for the township for three years and as member of the school board for eighteen years and evinced the same interest in discharging these responsibilities as in his own private affairs. He is a member of the lodge of Eagles at Danville and his wife is an active worker in Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, Newell township. Mr. Makemson has ably assisted in the agricultural progress of his community and as a representative of an honored and long established family has acquitted himself as behooves a man of cool judgment and worthy ideals.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM Y. LUDWIG.

Among the men of Danville whose activities have materially contributed to the public welfare is Professor William Y. Ludwig, who is now serving as county superintendent of schools of Vermilion county. He was born February 10, 1869, in Berks county, Pennsylvania, of which his parents, William V. R. and Mary Y. (Jones) Ludwig, were also natives. His parents first came to Vermilion county, Illinois, in 1868 and located in Pilot township, where his grandfather, Peter W. Ludwig, had purchased a farm a short time previous. The former, however, subsequently returned to Pennsylvania, where he was married and remained until a short time after the birth of our subject, when he brought his wife and child to this county and has since been a resident of Pilot township, where he now owns a well improved and highly cultivated farm, which he purchased in 1876. He has taken quite an active part in local affairs and has served as road commissioner for the long period of twenty-four years. He has also filled the office of school treasurer for more than fifteen years and is one of the representative men of his community. His first wife died in 1876, leaving three children, namely: William Y., of this review; Charles J. and Rosa I. The father subsequently married Martha Ludwick, by whom he has two children, Eva Ann, now the wife of Luther Fellows; and Margery.

Being brought to this county during his infancy, Professor Ludwig has spent the greater part of his life within its borders, his boyhood being passed upon the farm. He began his education in the country schools and the knowledge there acquired was supplemented by a course in the Indiana Normal College at Covington, Indiana, from which he was graduated in 1891. He then began teaching in the rural and village schools and for two years was thus employed at Amherst, Nebraska.

In 1899 he was made assistant county superintendent of schools in Vermilion county and in 1906 was elected to his present office as county superintendent, now serving his fourth year. He has in charge two hundred and fifteen districts. In the county there are now two hundred and thirty-six school buildings and under his control are four hundred and sixty-five teachers and sixteen thousand pupils. In the discharge of his duties he has given the utmost satisfaction, being not only a well educated man, but is also an excellent manager who has perfect control of those working under him and is thus able to produce the best results. He has been able to secure a more perfect uniformity of text-books and course of study, and the educational affairs of the county have been greatly advanced since he accepted his present position. He is an active member of the National Education Association and the Illinois State Teachers Association and through these organizations has gained much helpful information that has aided him in the discharge of his official duties.

Professor Ludwig takes considerable interest in historical affairs and has gathered much valuable information concerning the genealogy of the Ludwig family and is the family historian for the reunions of this family held at Reading, Pennsylvania. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies, being a prominent Knight Templar, and has served as worshipful master of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 38, and thrice potentate of Danville Lodge of Perfection. He is also a member of Damascus Lodge, Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. He has been secretary of the Lake View Hospital Association for ten years and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen takes a commendable interest in all enterprises which he deems calculated to promote the intellectual, moral and material welfare of his adopted county.

B. D. WISE.

It is impossible as long as the American republic survives for any patriotic citizen to forget the obligations we owe to the soldiers who fought under the stars and stripes to preserve the Union. From a distance of half a century it is seen that the Civil war was one of the greatest conflicts of the ages, and the questions then settled on many a hard-fought battlefield have perhaps done as much to advance the rights of men in the various countries of the world as all other agencies combined. The truth of the statement is witnessed in the movements for greater liberty in Europe and Asia, and there is hardly a doubt that the time will come when the dream of the federation of the world will be a

reality and it is almost certain that a federation will be founded on the principles that now bind the states of the United States together.

Among the brave men who contributed to the preservation of the republic is B. D. Wise, an honorable and prosperous member of a farming community, who now lives at Potomac, Vermilion county. He was born in the south and, although he grew almost to manhood in his native state, he freely offered his services in upholding the principles supported by hundreds of thousands of valiant men in the north as those upon which the republic was founded. Mr. Wise was born in Hardy county, West Virginia, December 3, 1844, and is a son of Zebulon and Indiana (Skidmore) Wise. The father was born on the old Virginia homestead of the family, but when he perceived the shadows of war about to darken the land, he left the south March 11, 1861, and came to Middlefork township, this county, where he rented land and farmed for two years. At the end of this time he returned to his old home, the ownership of which he had retained, and there he died about 1882. Mrs. Wise came to Vermilion county to visit her son, the subject of this review, and here she departed this life in 1900. There were eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wise, six of whom are now living in Vermilion county.

B. D. Wise was educated in the public schools of his native state and when he became a resident of Vermilion county was sixteen years of age. At the beginning of the Civil war he was too young to be received as a soldier, but in 1863, having arrived at an age when his application would be considered, he enlisted as a member of Company E, Fifty-first Illinois Infantry, and served for three years or until the end of the war, participating in many important engagements, among which were the battles of Spring Hill, Peach Tree Creek, Buzzard's Roost, Kenesaw Mountain, the siege of Atlanta, the battle of Jonesboro, and many minor engagements. At the battle of Rocky Face, Georgia, he received a wound in the scalp which, however, did not prove serious. He was taken prisoner by the Confederates at Franklin, Tennessee, and for five months was confined in Andersonville prison. At the close of the war, having performed his duty at all times as a defender of the cause which he advocated with all his heart, he was honorably discharged and returned to Potomac, where he began working by the month upon a farm. With his savings he bought eighty acres of land north of East Lynne and later became the owner of a farm in Middlefork township. He now owns, in association with Hon. J. G. Cannon, five hundred and sixty acres of land in Oakwood township. Individually he owns three hundred and twenty acres in Barton county, Missouri, and he is a director and stockholder and was also one of the organizers of the National Bank of Potomac. Since 1889 he has been a director of the Building & Loan Association of Potomac and at all times he has shown a lively interest in movements tending toward the public welfare of the community.

On September 3, 1868, Mr. Wise was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Moss and four children have been born of the union: Laura B., now the wife of Perry Judy, of Middlefork township; one who died in infancy; Charles, deceased; and Elmer J., living at home.

In politics Mr. Wise has always been an ardent republican, believing that this party best represents the principles of our government. While he has not

sought public office, he served for thirteen years as member of the county board of supervisors and for two years as president of the board. He is affiliated with the Masonic lodge at Potomac, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Danville, Illinois, and has many warm friends in those organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Wise are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church and by precept and example are worthy exemplars of its teachings. He has attained success in life because he earned it. He is truly a self-made man. He early learned the great lesson of self-dependence and by denying himself and carefully husbanding his resources as a young man, he now is enabled to live in ease and affluence. He was a good soldier and with equal fidelity has he discharged his duties as head of a family and as an intelligent and progressive citizen. His life record is one of which his children may be proud and presents in a striking degree the possibilities under free institutions that are open to any boy educated in the public schools and willing to devote himself to that noblest undertaking in which any human being can engage—the development of an upright character.

R. A. LA MAR.

As superintendent of the Vermilion county farm, R. A. La Mar has gained the commendation of his fellow citizens, for his efforts in behalf of those who have come under his care during his incumbency in office have been of a character to awaken the public approval and regard. His birth occurred in this county on the 6th of May, 1863, his parents being James and Nancy (Read-nour) La Mar, both natives of Kentucky. They came with their parents to this county in 1852 and were here married. The father enlisted for service in the Civil war and was killed on the 27th of June, 1864, at the battle of Kenesaw. His widow still survives and makes her home in Terre Haute, Indiana, at the age of sixty-six years.

Their only child, R. A. La Mar, was but a year old when the father laid down his life on the altar of his country and was three years of age when he went to live with an uncle. He attended the common schools for a time and remained in his uncle's home until twelve years old, when he felt it was necessary for him to provide for his own livelihood. Thus early in life he crossed the threshold of the business world, earning his own living as a farm hand until seventeen years of age, and the years usually devoted by lads to the acquirement of an education were spent by him in hard work. In the meantime, however, he had learned many lessons in the school of experience—lessons which taught him independence, self-reliance and integrity and well prepared him for more onerous and responsible duties to come.

When seventeen years of age Mr. La Mar left the farm and took up civil engineering and was busily and successfully engaged in that line of activity for about five years. His entire time and attention are now given, however, to the performance of his duties as superintendent of the Vermilion county farm, to which office he was elected in 1910. He is proving most competent in the

performance of the duties that have devolved upon him in connection with this position, and the institution under his administration is being conducted in a manner which wins him the commendation of his constituents and all concerned. He is carrying on its affairs in a most businesslike manner, follows methods most approved in the conduct of such institutions and at all times has an eye for the comfort and well being of the inmates—a fact which makes him a most popular official.

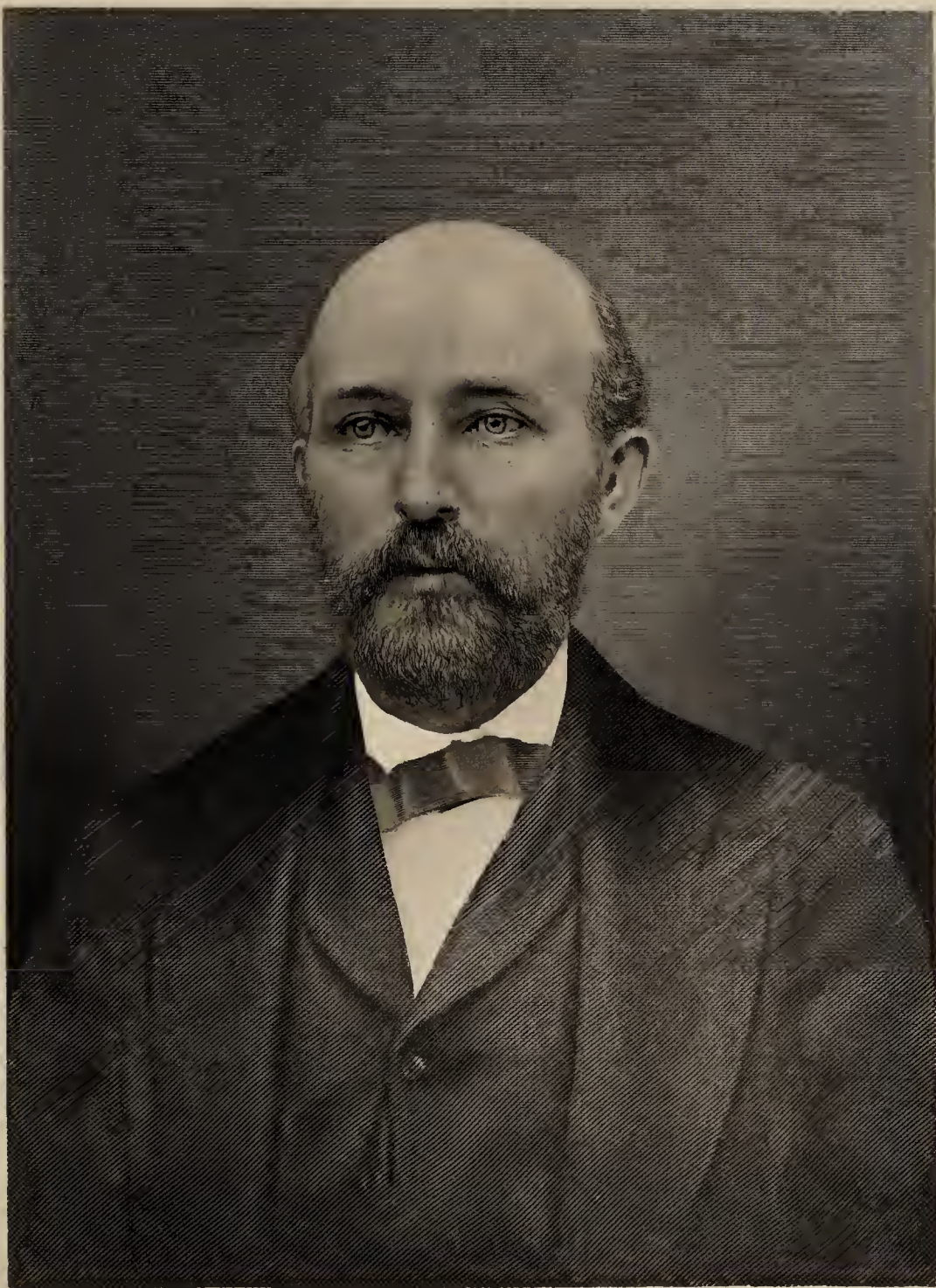
It was in February, 1882, that Mr. La Mar was united in marriage to Miss Lulu McCloud, who was born in St. Louis, a daughter of S. B. and Lucinda (Betner) McCloud, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. They removed to Marion county, Illinois, in 1865, and there the father was engaged as a plasterer and brick-mason. He is yet living at the very advanced age of ninety-five years and makes his home in East St. Louis. In their family were five children, of whom three are yet living.

Mr. and Mrs. La Mar hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and their lives have ever been governed by its teachings. Both are well known in fraternal circles, being members of the Rebekahs, and Mrs. La Mar is identified with the Pythian Sisters, of which she is past chancellor and is now serving as official examiner of the state. Her husband belongs to Georgetown Lodge, No. 386, A. F. & A. M.; Georgetown, Lodge, No. 62, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the chairs; and to the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 502. In politics Mr. La Mar is a staunch republican, and his standing among his fellow citizens is indicated by his election to his present responsible office. In private life he has been actuated by principles which govern honorable and upright manhood and the same high ideals have ever been manifest in his dealings with those with whom he has been connected in an official capacity.

JAMES B. FLEMING.

James B. Fleming was well known to Danville citizens, for, although he did not reside permanently in this city, he came here from time to time and always kept in close touch with public interests and maintained a wide acquaintance among the people of Vermilion county. He was born in Williamsport, Indiana, in 1832, and was directly descended from James IV. of Scotland. The family has a coat of arms given to them in 1066. Dunbarton Castle was the ancestral home and scarcely any of the old castles of Europe have figured more largely in history. The great-grandfather of James Fleming was the first of the family to come to America. He settled in North Carolina, where he owned considerable land. James Fleming, Sr., the father of him whose name introduces this review, was a native of Tennessee and died when his son and namesake was a young man, leaving him to make his own way in the world. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Lucinda Perviance, was of French descent.

James B. Fleming was only twenty-six years of age when he first came to Danville, arriving in the year 1859. Here he engaged in clerking for the firm of



James B. Fleming

Tincure & English, dry goods merchants. At intervals he resided elsewhere but returned to Danville as a pleasing place of residence when his health failed, and also in his later years. In an early day he was engaged in the grocery business, conducting his store successfully for some time, but later removed to La Fayette, Indiana, where he established a wholesale grocery house, building up a good trade in that connection and carrying on the business for twenty-five years. At length, however, his health failed and he returned to Danville, where he lived until his removal to Kansas. Thinking himself again able to engage in business he began handling the Buckeye buggies and carried on that undertaking while a resident of the Sunflower state. At length, however, he came again to Danville, where his remaining days were passed.

It was in the year 1863 that Mr. Fleming was united in marriage to Miss Lucy A. Ellsworth, a daughter of B. F. Ellsworth, who came to this city in 1860 from Granville, Ohio, and remained a resident of Danville until called to his final rest. He was related to Henry Ellsworth, of La Fayette, Indiana, who made a gift of Ellsworth Park to that city. In early manhood B. F. Ellsworth wedded Miss Clarissa Wilcox, a native of Fairfax, Vermont, and unto them were born three children, two daughters and a son: Marietta, now living in Danville; Mrs. Fleming; and Norman F., who has passed away. The death of the father occurred on the 16th of February, 1891, and his wife, surviving him for only a few months passed away in September of the same year.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fleming was born an only son, William Hatcher, who died in 1906. The death of Mr. Fleming occurred on the 20th of February, 1897, and was especially regretted by many who knew him. He was a very active and prominent Mason, attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and filled many offices in the order. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and in religious faith he was a Presbyterian. His life was in harmony with his professions and those who knew him entertained for him the highest regard because of his admirable qualities of heart and mind.

JOHN W. VAN ALLEN.

John W. Van Allen, identified with general farming in Oakwood township, is numbered among those citizens whose lives are proof of the attractiveness of Vermilion county as a place of residence. Numbered among the native sons of the county, they have by preference remained within its borders, recognizing the fact that there is no better investment than Illinois farm land and that the various opportunities and advantages here afforded are surpassed nowhere.

Mr. Van Allen was born July 16, 1877, his parents being W. P. and Caroline V. (Kiger) Van Allen, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Virginia. They were married in the Buckeye state and in 1866 came to Illinois, settling upon a farm in Vermilion county which the father continued to further cultivate and develop until he retired in 1907. He also engaged in handling stock and, prospering as the years went by, he invested in more land until he became the owner of two hundred and forty acres, constituting a finely im-

proved farm. He and his wife now occupy an attractive home in Oakwood. They had nine children: Walter, who is a resident of Oklahoma; Frank, who was killed by a horse when nineteen years of age; States Amasa, living in Vermilion county; Bertha, the wife of Max Miller, of Danville; Maud, the wife of Charles Oakwood, of this county; Etta, who gave her hand in marriage to Edward Davis and resides in Vermilion county; Nellie, the wife of Charles Oakwood, of Oakwood township; Vida, who is the wife of Oscar Oakwood, of this county; and John W., of this review.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for John W. Van Allen in his boyhood and youth. He worked in the fields during the summer months and in the winter seasons attended the public schools, therein mastering the branches of learning which qualified him for the transaction of business later on. The occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work and is now located in Oakwood township, where he is devoting his time and energies to the cultivation of a farm of one hundred and sixty-two acres. His labors are intelligently directed and his enterprise is bringing him substantial success.

On the 12th of June, 1901, Mr. Van Allen was married to Miss Gertrude Bently, a daughter of Henry and Serena (Gones) Bently, the former a native of England and the latter of Ohio. Their family numbered four children: Elizabeth, the wife of John Sterns, of Catlin; Mrs. Van Allen; Ethel, the wife of Orville Selby, of this county; and Jessie, the wife of Bert Elgin, also of Vermilion county.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Allen has been blessed with one son, Norlyn Bently, born August 2, 1907. The parents are members of the New Light church and Mr. Van Allen belongs to the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges and the Modern Woodmen camp, all of Oakwood. His political views cause him to exercise his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party but he has never sought nor desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which are bringing to him substantial success. He is well known in the county and a genial manner and cordial disposition have gained for him many friends.

DAVID G. McMILLIN.

David G. McMillin, a well known and honored resident of Danville, was born in this county in 1852 and is a son of Reason H. McMillin, whose birth occurred near Columbus, Ohio, June 17, 1816. His paternal grandfather was a farmer and miller by occupation, operating a flour and saw mill on his farm. Thus during his boyhood and youth Reason H. McMillin became thoroughly familiar with milling and farming and on the removal of the family to Illinois in 1832 assisted his father in the erection of the first sawmill in Denmark, Vermilion county. He married Miss Martha Oder, who was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, October 13, 1821, and from that state removed with her parents to Cincinnati, Ohio, later coming to Vermilion county, Illinois. For some years

she and her husband resided on a farm in Blount township and then removed to Iowa, remaining about two years, after which they returned to Vermilion county and settled in Danville township, where Mr. McMillin continued to engage in agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life, dying on the 4th of May, 1876. Both he and his wife were earnest and consistent members of the Christian church and were people of the highest respectability. In their family were nine children, seven of whom are still living. Two of their sons, J. G. and William M., were soldiers of the Civil war, being members of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

David G. McMillin was reared and educated in much the manner of farm lads, early becoming familiar with the work of the fields and acquiring an excellent knowledge of all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. On attaining manhood he commenced farming on his own account and is today the owner of a well improved and valuable farm, which he continued to operate until a few years ago, when his health failed and he removed to Danville, having made his home here since 1902. During his early years he was a very active and energetic man and the prosperity which came to him was well merited.

In 1889 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. McMillin and Miss Minnie Davis. Her father, Jesse Davis, was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, October 24, 1832, and was brought by his parents to Vermilion county, Illinois, when only one year of age. The family located on the farm where Mr. Davis died May 3, 1891. His parents were natives of Virginia and from that state removed to Ohio at a very early day, but their last years were spent in Illinois, the father dying in Vermilion county in 1834 and the mother in 1870. On reaching manhood Jesse Davis married Miss M. E. Hyatt, who was born in Davis county, Kentucky, November 24, 1838, and they became the parents of two sons and two daughters: Clara J., now Mrs. Haskins; Van C.; Scott G.; and Minnie L., now Mrs. McMillin. Fraternally Mr. Davis was a member of Catlin Lodge, No. 285, A. F. & A. M.

Mr. McMillin affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his religious belief is indicated by his membership in the Church of Christ. The republican party has always found in him a stanch supporter of its principles and he gives willing support to all movements which he believes calculated to promote the moral, intellectual or material welfare of the community in which he lives.

WALTER T. GUNN.

In no profession is there a career more open to talent than that of the law and in no field of endeavor is there demanded a more careful preparation and more thorough appreciation of the absolute ethics of life or of the underlying principles which form the basis of all human rights and privileges. Possessing all the requisites of an able lawyer, Walter T. Gunn is now successfully practicing at the bar of Vermilion county, his home being in Danville.

A native of Illinois, he was born on the 4th of June, 1879, in La Salle county, and is the eldest of six children, three sons and three daughters, whose parents were Luther V. and Alice E. Gunn. His father was born in Schoharie county, New York, and was a young man when he removed to La Salle county, this state. In 1879 he came to Vermilion county and settled in Grant township, where he has since followed farming and continues to live, an active, respected and prosperous citizen.

During his youth Walter T. Gunn had good educational advantages, attending the Hoopeston high school and Greer College, and after graduating from the latter institution entered Illinois Wesleyan University, where he pursued the study of law and was graduated in 1901. On his admission to the bar he came to Danville, where he was alone in practice for one year and then formed a partnership with J. W. Keeslar, states attorney, which connection still exists. In 1903 he was made assistant states attorney and two years later was appointed master in chancery of the United States circuit court for the eastern district of Illinois, which office he is still filling. Although he has been engaged in practice for but a few years, he has already met with remarkable success and now has a large clientage which is steadily increasing.

Mr. Gunn was married in 1904 to Miss Vina Dayton, a native of Santa Barbara, California, and a daughter of W. H. and Sarah (Gundy) Dayton, who were old residents of Vermilion county. This union has been blessed by two children, namely: Horace and Marjorie.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, Mr. Gunn has been a stalwart supporter of the republican party and in 1909 was elected alderman of the seventh ward, in which capacity he is still serving. He is a strong advocate of those measures which he believes will advance the interests of his town and county and never withholds his support from any worthy object. Fraternally he is an honored member of the Masonic order, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and other societies, and is one of the most highly respected young men of Danville with bright prospects for the future.

GEORGE E. CRAYS.

Prominent among the enterprising and progressive business men of Ross-ville is George E. Crays, the cashier of the First National Bank. He possesses excellent business ability and keen sagacity and from the outset of his business career has worked his way steadfastly upward. He was born on the 16th of November, 1863, in Macoupin county, Illinois, and is a son of Rev. George M. and Maria (Courtney) Crays. The father was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, a collegebred man, whose talents and ability were used for the moral progress of his race. He became a member of the Illinois conference and labored zealously and untiringly for the uplifting of his fellowmen until he was called to the home beyond. He was married to Miss Maria Courtney, a daughter of Richard Courtney, who was one of the early settlers of this part

of the state, and whose early life was passed in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, after which he removed from Ohio and then came to Illinois, casting in his lot with the pioneers.

George E. Crays was the second in a family of nine children. He was reared in a home of culture and refinement, where the attainment of success was always regarded as secondary to character building. At the usual age he was sent to the common schools and through the periods of vacation in his boyhood days he worked upon the home farm. Later he had the advantage of a course in the Danville Seminary and subsequently he pursued a commercial course in the Springfield (Ill.) Business College, being graduated therefrom. In early manhood he engaged in teaching school but afterward turned his attention to commercial pursuits, becoming a clerk in a general store for about a year, when, with E. A. Brown, he started in the merchandising business at Armstrong, Illinois, for twelve years conducting business under the firm name of Brown & Crays. At the end of that time, with Samuel Collison he purchased the Citizens Bank of Rossville, which was later reorganized into the First National Bank of Rossville. Mr. Collison was elected president of the institution, with Mr. Crays as cashier, which position he has since filled, contributing in substantial measure to the success of the bank, while his uniform courtesy to its patrons has made him very popular with its depositors or all who do business within its walls. Moreover, he is most loyal to the best interests of the institution and carefully, systematically and accurately performs the duties that devolve upon him.

In 1892 Mr. Crays was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Collison, a daughter of Thomas F. and Mary Collison. Their marriage has been blessed with three sons: Wendell T. and Harold C., who are students in the high school; and John A., a public-school pupil.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Crays is a member, and he likewise holds membership relations with the Masons and the Woodmen. He has always lived in this section of Illinois and has ever been numbered among the progressive citizens who are never so engrossed with business affairs and individual interests that they cannot find time and opportunity for cooperation in measures and projects which are promoted for the public good. Nevertheless in his business he has been actuated by laudable ambition and has made continuous progress along the path leading toward prosperity.

JAMES A. DICKSON.

James A. Dickson is one of the extensive landowners of Jamaica township, his real-estate possessions aggregating five hundred and sixteen acres. He was born December 5, 1834, in what is now Jamaica township but was then a part of Carroll township. He is a son of John and a grandson of John Dickson, Sr., who came to Vermilion county about 1822 with his wife and their five sons and one daughter. They settled in Carroll township and all of the children were here reared and married and all established homes in Vermilion

county and reared their families here. In the early days the family shared in the hardships and trials of frontier life for they were among the early settlers, arriving here a decade or more before the Black Hawk war occurred whereby Indian supremacy was put to an end and the authority of the white race in this region established.

Following his marriage John Dickson, Jr., located in Carroll township, where he made his home until his death, dying when a comparatively young man. He passed away in 1838 prior to the fourth birthday of his son James. Following the death of her husband Mrs. Dickson kept the six children together and reared them to manhood and womanhood. She rented and personally supervised the operation of the farm herself until James A. Dickson and his brother, two years his senior, were old enough to assist in the maintenance of the family and it was under these conditions that James A. Dickson was reared to manhood. The mother died December 28, 1854, and he and his brother afterward operated the home farm for a year. They then purchased adjoining tracts of eighty acres of swamp land in Jamaica township which they cultivated in partnership for a year. James A. Dickson then traded his six hundred dollar interest in the estate for his brother's eighty acres. He made further arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage in November, 1857, and for nine years thereafter he lived upon his farm of one hundred and sixty acres, making many improvements thereon. He then sold that property and purchased his present farm to which he removed in March, 1869. For eighteen months he lived upon an eighty-acre tract of land which he owned three miles south of his present farm, while engaged in making a home for his family upon this place. As he has prospered in his undertakings he has added to his realty holdings until he now owns five hundred and sixteen acres of land, having sold the site upon which the town of Jamaica was built and the land for the railroad, thus reducing his tract of six hundred and thirty-five acres to its present size. His farm is splendidly improved, being equipped with all modern conveniences and accessories.

As previously stated, Mr. Dickson was married in November, 1857, at which time Miss Amanda Shepherd of Vance township, this county, became his wife. Her father, John Shepherd, was one of the early settlers of that section and in pioneer days built a mill on Salt Fork, the first mill of that district, known for years afterward as Shepherd's mill. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dickson were born four children, but three are now deceased: John Wesley; Charles Edwin; and a daughter who died in infancy. The only one now living is Simon Alexander, the second in order of birth, who remains on the home farm and has charge of its cultivation. He was married April 21, 1886, to Cora Hilton, and they have four children: Grace, who is now the wife of William Tyler and has one child, Willis; Ernest; Edna May; and Hazel. The wife of our subject passed away July 11, 1889, and her death was deeply regretted throughout the community, for she had won many friends in this locality.

In his political views Mr. Dickson is a democrat. He served as road supervisor in his early days for a number of years and for a considerable period was a member of the school board, proving a champion of the cause of education by reason of his activity and effective efforts in its behalf. He has long

been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, was superintendent of the Sunday school for several years and is now serving as one of the church trustees, which office he has filled for more than forty years. He was one of the active factors in building the handsome new structure known as the Kingsley Methodist Episcopal church, one of the finest church edifices in this section of the county, erected at a cost of nine thousand two hundred dollars. Mr. Dickson is one of the well known men of Jamaica township and one of the oldest native sons of Vermilion county, his residence here covering a period of seventy-six years. He has therefore been an interested witness of the events which have occurred and the changes which have been made through more than seven decades and at all times has cooperated in the work of public progress and improvement, while, especially along agricultural lines, he has done much to advance the farming interests of this part of the state.

JOHN CLARENCE McCLURE. .

John Clarence McClure has devoted his life to educational work and to the practice of law. While he was capable and successful in the former, he seemed to have found a more congenial profession in the latter and his ability is manifest in the success that is attending him. His preparation of his cases is thorough and exhaustive and his presentation is laudable and forceful, so that in the six years of his connection with the Vermilion county bar he has gained a reputation that insures him a liberal clientage.

Mr. McClure is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Loyaltown, Dauphin county, in July, 1865. His parents were David K. and Anna Eliza (Beshler) McClure, the former of Scotch-Irish and the latter of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. The father is still living in Dauphin county, but the mother passed away March 7, 1882. They were the parents of seven children: Charles B., now practicing medicine in Bangor, Maine; Emma T., the wife of Jeremiah Kahler, of Millersburg, Pennsylvania; Henry Joseph, who is living at Newcastle, Pennsylvania; John Clarence, of this review; Arthur E., whose home is in Chicago, Illinois; Martha Gertrude, the wife of Nathaniel Miller, a resident of Elizabethville, Pennsylvania; and one who died in infancy.

John Clarence McClure, reared in the Keystone state, was a pupil of the public schools of his native county until he entered Berrysburg Seminary at Berrysburg, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1886. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed until 1904. He was first employed in the country schools of Dauphin county for about two years, at the end of which time he went to Valparaiso, Indiana, where he devoted four years to the study of scientific and classical courses, completing both and receiving therefor the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science. Subsequently he became superintendent of schools of Clarksdale, Mississippi, and removed thence to Mulberry, Tennessee, and became president of the Male and Female College at that place. He continued at the head of the institution for four years and in January, 1896, came to Hoopeston to accept the presi-

dency of Greer College, which position he filled until the summer of 1900. In all of his educational work he held to high standards and his labors were most effective in promoting the interest of the schools with which he was connected.

Thinking, however, to find a more congenial and profitable field in the practice of law, he took up a course of study which he deemed essential to progress in that field, spending four years in the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in the literary department and in the study of political economy and law. He then returned to Hoopeston in June, 1904, and has since continued in the general practice of law, which he finds much more to his liking than school teaching, and in which he is making substantial advancement. His devotion to his client's interests is proverbial, yet he never forgets that he owes a higher allegiance to the majesty of the law. He served as city attorney of Hoopeston from 1905 until 1907 and he is a member of the County Bar Association.

On the 16th of July, 1892, Mr. McClure was married at Ovid, Michigan, to Miss Mina Squires, a daughter of Uri Squires, and a native of Michigan. They have one child, Anna Eliza, born at Ann Arbor, July 12, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. McClure hold membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. McClure belongs to the Masonic lodge, in which he served as secretary for one term. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and at times he has been an active worker in its ranks. He has won high regard during his residence in Hoopeston and has a circle of friends which is constantly increasing.

ANDREW WOOD.

Although more than a third of a century has passed since Andrew Wood was called to his final rest, he is still remembered by many of Vermilion county's older residents as one of its most substantial and respected agriculturists. He won a gratifying measure of success in the conduct of his farming interests and at the time of his death owned five hundred acres of valuable land here. His birth occurred in Ohio on the 9th of December, 1824, his parents being Henry and Nancy (Hoover) Wood. Their children were sixteen in number, three of whom still survive, namely: Susan, Ellen and Owen.

Andrew Wood came to Vermilion county in 1827, taking up his abode among the pioneer settlers here. He located on the farm which is now in possession of his widow and as the years passed by brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and improvement, annually gathering rich crops. In connection with the tilling of the soil he also made a specialty of raising stock, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income. At the time of his death, which occurred on the 8th of January, 1875, he owned five hundred acres of rich and productive land.

Mrs. Wood was married twice. By his first wife, who bore the maiden name of Cynthia A. Wolf, he had two sons: Leonard H., who is married and lives in St. Joseph, Illinois; and John C., who is married and makes his home



MR. AND MRS. ANDREW WOOD

at Kankakee, Illinois. On the 27th of February, 1853, Mr. Wood was again married, his second union being with Miss Sarah White, a native of Blount township. Her parents reared a family of eleven children, five of whom are yet living, as follows: Rachel, Mrs. Wood, Harriet, Jane and Elizabeth. By his second wife Mr. Wood had the following children: Anna R., the deceased wife of John Franklin, of Oregon; Emma B., the deceased wife of Alfred Holliway; Casper W.; Ethan A., who is married and lives in Blount township; Rosina M., the wife of George Lane, of Missouri; and Nancy N. and Andrew P., both of whom are at home with their mother. Mrs. Wood has also reared the child of a daughter, Walter Franklin, whose natal day was October 25, 1892, and who lives with our subject.

Politically Mr. Wood was a staunch republican but never sought nor desired office. His widow still resides on the old homestead farm in Blount township and retains one hundred and eighty acres thereof, the remainder having been divided among her children. She is a devoted and consistent member of the Christian church and her many good traits of heart and mind have endeared her to all with whom she has come in contact.

J. W. YOUNG.

J. W. Young, as a member of the firm of Young & Wood, is engaged in the grain and live-stock business at Bismarck, where they own a large and thoroughly modern elevator. He was born in this town, February 17, 1875, his parents being Noah and Mary (Cunningham) Young, both of whom are natives of Newell township, Vermilion county, and now make their home in Bismarck.

J. W. Young remained under the parental roof through the period of his minority and acquired his education in the public schools and also in the State Normal School, which he attended for three years. At the age of eighteen years he began teaching, following that profession through the winter months, while in the summer seasons he worked for his father. He taught altogether for eight years, when, thinking that broader and more remunerative opportunities were offered in other directions, he turned his attention to the grain and live-stock business at Bismarck and has continued in that field. In this undertaking he is associated with R. L. Wood, under the firm name of Young & Wood, and they have the most up-to-date elevator in the county. Situated in the midst of a splendid grain producing region, they now handle over three hundred thousand bushels annually, and also conduct an extensive and profitable business in live stock, buying all kinds of cattle, hogs and horses. They are the largest stock buyers in the county, their business having reached extensive proportions. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Young is connected with the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Bismarck, nor has he retired altogether from agricultural interests, for he still manages and carries on a farm of over four hundred acres of rich and valuable land adjoining the town.

On the 10th of May, 1900, Mr. Young was married to Miss Clara Grace Gundy, who was born in Newell township, and is a daughter of F. M. and Mary (Smith) Gundy. Mrs. Young pursued her education in Knox College at Galesburg, Illinois. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children: Beatrice M., born March 17, 1903; Francis J., born November 26, 1906; and Grace Catherine, December 6, 1908. Both Mr. and Mrs. Young are faithful members and earnest workers in the Christian church, being always interested in its welfare and growth.

Mr. Young is prominent in Masonry, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. The craft recognizes in him an exemplary member and one who is most loyal to its teachings. His wife is connected with the ladies' auxiliary, the Eastern Star, and is one of its helpful and interested members. Mr. Young also holds membership in the Modern Woodmen camp of Bismarck, in which he has filled all of the chairs. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and while he has never sought nor desired political office, he has served as school treasurer for six years. He cooperates in all movements for the material, intellectual and moral progress of the community and is recognized as one of the foremost business men of the county, his extensive and well managed interests placing him in a prominent position in trade circles.

GEORGE M. WILSON.

George M. Wilson is a prosperous farmer of Middlefork township, who owns a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 16, and has been a resident of the township for ten years and of the county forty-eight years, during which time he has made many friends here. He is a native of Pickaway county, Ohio, where he was born August 18, 1854, and is the son of John H. and Bolivia H. (McClary) Wilson, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio, where she was born September 22, 1827. The father was born in 1802 and lived in his native state a great part of his life, but in 1835, like many other southerners who were dissatisfied with the institution of slavery, he removed to Ohio, and in 1862 he came to Vermilion county, Illinois. Here he bought a farm upon which he lived until his death in 1877. Mrs. Wilson survived her husband many years and was called to her final rest in February, 1905, at the age of seventy-eight years. Five children were born to them: Rebecca, the wife of Lankford Wiles, of Jasper county, Illinois; George M., the subject of this review; Andrew D., a resident of Spokane, Washington; Frederick C. and Otis L., both of this county.

George M. Wilson came to Vermilion county with his parents when he was eight years of age. He was educated in the district schools and reared upon the farm where he continued until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he purchased a farm in Blount township, paying twenty dollars an acre. After improving and cultivating the same for four years, he sold the place and purchased another which he developed for five years. By industry and perseverance he increased the value of this farm so that upon disposing of it he was

able to purchase one hundred acres in Ross township, where he lived for nine years. Once more he sold out and purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 16, Middlefork township, to which he has added a tract of eighty acres, making a fine and valuable property. A commodious residence and ample barns and outbuildings indicate that Mr. Wilson has up-to-date ideas as to the comforts and conveniences which may be enjoyed by the farmer. He has not confined his activities to agriculture entirely, but has paid considerable attention to the raising of live stock, and in this as in all departments of the farm he has shown a judgment and skill that have steadily increased the annual income of the place and added to its value.

In 1881 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Smith, who is a native of this county, born December 17, 1852. She is a daughter of George G. and Eliza (Fairchild) Smith, her father being a native of Ohio and her mother of Vermilion county. Both of the parents are now living in Blount township. Three children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson; Everett W., a farmer of Vermilion county; Homer H., also engaged in farming in this county; and Annie E., living with her parents at home. All three attended Potomac high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Potomac, and he is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, and has filled several offices in that organization. In the various responsibilities as head of the family and as a citizen Mr. Wilson has discharged his obligations so as to merit and receive the respect of all who know him.

LEMUEL BAXLEY RUSSELL, M. D.

Lemuel Baxley Russell, physician and surgeon, who since 1896 has practiced continuously and ably in Hoopeston, was born December 31, 1868, in Iroquois county, Illinois, and is a son of L. B. Russell, Sr. Spending his youthful days in his parents' home, Dr. Russell pursued his education in the public schools, also at Goodwine, Illinois, and in Grand Prairie Seminary at Onarga, from which he was graduated with the class of 1891, when twenty-two years of age. Following his graduation he carried out his plans of becoming a member of the medical profession by entering Rush Medical College, of Chicago, completing the latter course with the class of 1894. He then practiced for a year at Pine Village, Indiana, and promoted his efficiency by several months' study in the Post Graduate College of Chicago.

Dr. Russell located at Hoopeston on the 1st of January, 1896, for general practice, and has since remained, becoming recognized as one of the ablest, most efficient and most conscientious members of the profession in this city, while reading and research keep him in touch with the advancement of the times and he is recognized as one who is most careful in the diagnosis of a case and whose application of scientific principles is judiciously applied. As a member of the board of health, the Doctor recently has been instrumental in discovering the source of infection that has been causing almost an epidemic of typhoid

fever in Hoopeston, which will, in all probability, prevent the spread of the disease. Aside from his practice he has extensive landed interests in Iroquois county, Illinois, and Hamilton county, Indiana, controlling about six hundred and sixty acres. In the management of his farming interests he displays good business discernment and his interests are so controlled that a most gratifying annual return is secured.

Dr. Russell was married in Hoopeston on the 30th of July, 1902, to Miss Irma St. Clair Wallace. Her parents were among the oldest residents of this city, where Mr. Wallace was for many years editor of the Chronicle, and one of the most prominent and respected business men of the town. Dr. and Mrs. Russell now have two children: Elizabeth Webb, born in Hoopeston, June 4, 1904; and Irma, born May 20, 1907. Mrs. Russell is a member of the Universalist church.

The Doctor's political allegiance is given to the democracy and at times he has taken an active part in its support but without ambition for office. The only public position he has ever held has been in the strict path of his profession—a member of the board of health of Hoopeston for a number of years. He is a Royal Arch Mason and is a past master of the blue lodge. He belongs to the Commercial Club and is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and upbuilding of his adopted city, cooperating in the projects of the Commercial Club for its upbuilding and in all the movements which are put forth for its welfare. In strictly professional lines, he is connected with the Hoopeston Medical Society, the Vermilion County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and was honored by election as the first president of the Hoopeston Society, a fact which indicates his standing among his brethren of the profession in this city. He has throughout his life made wise use of his time and talents; and his ability, natural and acquired, has placed him in a leading position among the physicians of eastern Illinois.

A. E. MILEMORE.

The steps of progress are noted quite as much in agricultural lines today as in other fields of business activity, and prominent among those farmers of Vermilion county who are carrying on their agricultural pursuits according to modern and up-to-date methods is A. E. Milemore. Born across the waters, his birth occurred in England on the 15th of March, 1849, his parents being James and Ann (Kitchner) Milemore, both natives of that country. They came to America in 1852, first locating in Danville, Illinois, and for a time the father operated a rented farm in Catlin township. Later, however, he purchased the old homestead of one hundred acres upon which their only son, the subject of this review, now makes his home. The parents are now dead, the mother passing away in March, 1878, while the father survived her only six months. They were laid to rest in the Danville cemetery.

A. E. Milemore was a little lad of three years when he made the long voyage across the Atlantic in company with his parents. Consequently the greater

part of his childhood was passed in this country, and in the schools of Illinois he acquired his education. Reared to farm work, he was early trained to habits of industry, economy and integrity, and these qualities have proven salient elements throughout his entire business career. He remained under the parental roof until 1872, in which year he laid the foundation for a happy home life of his own by his marriage to Miss Mary Swindall, a native of Kentucky. She was one of three children born unto Jacob and Eliza Swindall, both now deceased.

After his marriage Mr. Milemore located upon a rented farm, which he continued to operate for about two years, or until the death of his father, when he came into possession of the old homestead and upon which he has since continued to reside. He has devoted his entire time and attention to its further development and improvement, and that his efforts were effective forces in the acquirement of substantial results is indicated by the fact that his place is now one of the well improved and valuable properties in the locality. He has conducted his affairs according to modern and up-to-date methods, has been careful and systematic in the management of his interests, and today is numbered among the successful and progressive farmers of Catlin township.

With the passing of the years, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milemore was blessed with four children, as follows: Anna, who was killed by a horse when twenty-two years of age; Charles, also deceased; Homer, who was graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and is now a practicing attorney of Danville; and Laura, a graduate of the Hazel Grove School, who has for four years been engaged in teaching at Oak Lawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Milemore are active and faithful members of the Congregational church at Catlin, while in his political belief Mr. Milemore is a republican. The honors and emoluments of office hold no attraction for him, however, for he has preferred to concentrate his time and energies upon the conduct of his private business affairs which, carefully managed, have brought him a most substantial degree of prosperity. He early learned the lesson that success must be purchased at the price of earnest, well defined labor, and as the years have gone by his record has been one of indefatigable effort and close application to business.

JOHN UNGER.

John Unger, for thirty years past a farmer of the state of Illinois and now the owner of a valuable place of four hundred and eighty acres near Hoopeston, Vermilion county, which he acquired mainly through his own perseverance and industry, was born near Milford, Iroquois county, Illinois, November 18, 1855. He is a son of Samuel and Margaret (Metz) Unger, the former a native of Morgan county, Virginia, now West Virginia, where he was born July 26, 1829. The father came to Iroquois county, February 1, 1854, and on February 22, 1855, he was married. His faithful companion departed this life at Hoopeston, April 8, 1901. Six years earlier, on April 8, 1895, the father of the family was called to his reward. Mrs. Unger was of Pennsylvania Dutch descent and was a woman of many noble characteristics. The great-great-

grandfather of our subject emigrated from Germany in the latter part of the seventeenth century and the grandfather was not able to speak English until he was fifteen years of age.

John Unger was reared on the farm, where his father conducted agricultural and stock-raising operations upon a flourishing scale, and was educated in the common schools. From his earliest recollection he has been interested in farming. He assisted his father until 1877, then beginning for himself upon rented land northeast of Milford. After acquiring some practical experience and a moderate amount of capital his father gave him forty acres of land which it was necessary to drain by means of a ditch before it was capable of cultivation. In 1887 he purchased forty acres more adjoining his farm although at the same time he continued operating rented land in the neighborhood. In 1888 he disposed of his landed interests and invested in one hundred and sixty acres in the southern part of Iroquois county, four miles northeast of Hoopeston. Here for the first time he lived in his own house, but he sold this farm in 1894 and purchased one hundred and sixty acres six miles southwest of Hoopeston, where he now lives. In 1901 he bought eighty acres adjoining and has since acquired other land so that at present he is the owner of a farm covering three-quarters of a section, which is worth from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and seventy-five dollars per acre, and he is known as one of the most flourishing farmers in this part of the county.

On December 24, 1879, Mr. Unger was united in marriage to Miss Eliza E. Hickman, at her country home near Sheldon, Iroquois county. Of this union one child, Inez, was born December 9, 1880, the mother being called away September 9, 1881, leaving a daughter nine months old. On August 20, 1885, Mr. Unger was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Abigail Peters, whose parents were living near Milford. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Unger has been blessed by eight children: George E., born June 30, 1886; an infant, born October 9, 1889, who died October 15, 1889; Maudie Ann, born April 8, 1891; Samuel O., who was born March 27, 1893 and died November 22, 1893; John W., who was born February 25, 1895, and died February 20, 1906; Lovey Elma, born September 9, 1896; Parker Gerald and Sheridan Harold, twins, born October 3, 1902. Inez C. is now the wife of George H. Umbanhowar, a farmer of Grant township, and George E. was married to Eva L. Gladding and is engaged in farming in Grant township.

Mr. Unger has been identified with the republican party ever since he cast his first ballot, but he has never been ambitious to fill public office although, since April 14, 1899, he has served to the general satisfaction of the people as school director in his district, his present term expiring in April, 1911. He is a member of the Detective Association, No. 44, of Hoopeston,—otherwise known as the Horse Company. In his religious belief Mr. Unger is an earnest Protestant. At nineteen years of age he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and ever since that time has remained in full connection with the church and for many years has held the office of trustee. In the opinion of Mr. Unger pure, undefiled religion should stand before everything else in the world. He has always been an earnest worker for the cause of religion and he has made many sacrifices in advancing the interests of the church of his choice. From the

time of starting out in life upon his own account the subject of our review has never made a practice of accumulating a fortune at the expense of others. His ambition from the start has been to retain his own self-respect and to be worthy of the respect of friends and neighbors, and at the same time to make his family comfortable. He has often put the welfare of others before his own and he still maintains this position. The golden rule, "Do unto others as you would that others should do unto you," has been the standard of his life and in arriving at a settlement of differences between himself and others, his aim has been to put himself in the other man's place before giving a final decision. He is a man who shakes hands with his neighbors when he meets them and is considered a man of good judgment, as many come to him for advice. During the course of his entire life he has never engaged in a lawsuit and he is a firm believer in obedience to the divine law as set down in the New Testament and also in obedience to the laws of the country. He believes that the statutes of the American republic are among the best to be found in the world and that they will continue to be improved as long as the republic stands. He also believes that an upright character is of vastly more worth than great wealth and in acquiring character such as is indicated, he has also attained success financially in an unusual degree. Mr. Unger is a striking example of a man who has applied in his life the principles enunciated by the great Master and has found that they are entirely practical, leading not only to worldly fortune but to that condition described as "the peace that passeth understanding."

JESSE BUTZ.

Among the citizens of Vermilion county who attained an honorable place in the community through their acknowledged ability and personal worth may be named Jesse Butz, whose sudden death less than a year ago will ever call forth expressions of profound regret. He was a native of this county and here he lived for fifty years, by his example inspiring many others to the pursuit of ideals that seldom fail of beneficent results. He will be remembered as one of the most popular and successful farmers of his part of the county and as a man who always controlled by principles of brotherliness and a sincere desire to seek for nothing but what would redound to the advantage of all. He was born in Pilot township, September 30, 1859, and was a son of Samuel and Mary Butz, whose family history is mentioned in the sketch of Dr. J. E. P. Butz.

Having received his education in the common schools, Mr. Butz became connected with the Goldsmith Mercantile Company at Danville, where he continued for seven years and gained many practical ideas of business that were of great benefit to him in his after life. From early years he was attracted to agricultural pursuits and as soon as opportunity offered he devoted himself to farming interests, developing as years passed a remarkable talent in a line to which he was eminently adapted, and he became the owner of a farm of five hundred acres in Middlefork and Pilot townships, which was recognized as one of the best conducted and most productive farms of the county. On March 28, 1910,

Mr. Butz was killed by a train while crossing the railroad track on his way from Armstrong to Penfield. The loss of such a man was justly regarded as one of the severest that the county has known, the victim of the accident being in the very prime of his life, which was one of great usefulness not only to his family but to the entire community.

On March 18, 1885, Mr. Butz was united in marriage to Miss Adeline Wilber, and two children were born to them, one of whom is still living, Mary Adeline, the wife of John Mann, of Rossville, Illinois. Mrs. Butz having been called away, Mr. Butz was again married September 4, 1904, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Foley Luckey, who is the mother of one child, Samuel Jesse. Mrs. Butz is a daughter of George W. and Mary (McGill) Luckey. The father was born in Indiana, July 24, 1827, and came to Vermilion county at sixteen years of age, in 1843. In 1844 he was married to Miss Margaret Oder and to them seven children were born: Alonzo, Margaret, Samuel, Charles, George, Grant and Susan. Having lost his first wife in 1867, Mr. Luckey was married November 17, 1879, to Mrs. Mary Moorhead, and three children were born to this union, two of whom are now living: Hugh M. and Mary F., the latter of whom became the wife of the subject of this review.

Mr. Butz was active and capable in a high degree in anything he undertook and was easily one of the most popular men in his part of the county. His attention was mainly given to his farming interests, but his ability was widely recognized and at the time of his death he was a member of the county board of supervisors, a position he filled with the highest credit to himself and the people of the county. Capable as he was in affairs of business, it was as a husband and father in the sacred precincts of his home that his nature best found expression. Here the noblest elements of his heart and life manifested themselves and it is as a kindly and loving companion and guide that he will be remembered by those to whom he was most closely united. Mrs. Butz is now living at the family homestead in Middlefork township and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, whom she has attracted by years of association and helpful interest.

H. E. BALDWIN, M. D.

Dr. H. E. Baldwin, a physician and surgeon of Sidell, was born in Danville, Illinois, December 10, 1882, and is a son of Hiram and Susan (Henderson) Baldwin, he former a native of Clay county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Vermilion county, Illinois. The father was seventeen years of age when he came to this county, where he secured employment as a farm hand three miles south of Danville. Four years later he was married and the following year his father-in-law died, at which time he took charge of the home place, buying the interest of the other heirs in the property. He resided there until 1895, when he sold out to the Kellyville Coal Company at one hundred dollars per acre, being the first man in that section to receive as high a price for his land.



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He continued to reside upon the farm, however, until 1898, when he removed to Danville, where he has since made his home, enjoying a well earned rest, while the fruits of his former toil enable him to secure all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the republican party, is a Master Mason and is one of Vermilion county's well known and highly esteemed citizens. He and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and their good qualities have endeared them to all with whom they have been associated.

Dr. Baldwin spent his youthful days at home, pursued his education in the schools of Danville, passing through the consecutive grades until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1900. He then took up the study of medicine, reading under the preceptorship of Dr. S. C. Glidden of Danville, who directed his studies for two years, at the end of which time he entered the medical department of Columbian University at Washington, D. C. He is numbered among its alumni of 1905 and following his graduation he spent one year in hospital work, superintending Casualty Hospital in Washington. Prior to this time he had spent two years in the University Hospital while attending lectures, and his broad experience acquired in this way well qualified him for the onerous and responsible duties which have since devolved upon him. Following his graduation he located in Jamaica, where he spent two years in practice, and in 1908 he came to Sidell, where he has since been accorded a liberal professional support.

On the 30th of April, 1900, Dr. Baldwin wedded Miss Jessie Said of Danville and they now have one son, S. Glidden Baldwin. The Doctor is a member of Sidell Lodge, No. 780, A. F. & A. M.; the Modern Woodmen of America; the Yeomen of America and the Phi Chi, a Greek letter fraternity. Politically he is a republican and his religious belief is indicated in his membership in the Presbyterian church, while his wife worships at the Methodist Episcopal church. He keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the profession in his membership with the Vermilion County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In his practice he manifests an ability that is widely recognized in the liberal patronage that is accorded him.

AMOS JACKSON.

Amos Jackson was at the time of his death one of the best known and wealthiest citizens of Vermilion county, and the story of his career is the story of honest industry and thrift. He was born in Clinton county, Indiana, on the 15th of September, 1837, and was a son of John Jackson. His mother, who was a native of Ohio, died when he was only two years old and his father, a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, passed away eight years later. Therefore, at the early age of ten years he was left an orphan and had to begin the battle of life alone.

Coming to Vermilion county in 1856, Mr. Jackson started a brickyard and factory in connection with his brothers at Indianola, where he made his home

for some time. Later he turned his attention to farming and so successful was he in that occupation that he eventually became the owner of over one thousand acres of very valuable and productive land. His home place, where he lived for so many years, was west of Sidell and was a very valuable and well improved property. He also owned a large stock farm near Paris, Illinois, being for several years extensively engaged in buying, selling and shipping a large amount of stock besides those he raised on his own place. In fact, he became one of the most prominent stockmen of his community and for a time was associated with a Mr. Reynolds in that business, maintaining an office at the Chicago Stock Yards. For a short time he made his home in the city of Paris and then removed to Danville, taking up his residence on Walnut street. Subsequently, however, he removed to the corner of Wayne and Buchanan streets, where he owned the fine home that his family still occupies.

It was on the 15th of November, 1858, that Mr. Jackson was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Hesler, a daughter of Frank and Zilpha (Gilgus) Hesler. She was born in Indianola and after the death of her mother, which occurred when she was quite small, she made her home with her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gilgus, who came to this state from Kentucky and were among the first settlers of Indianola, Mr. Gilgus being a pioneer merchant of that city. He brought his first stock of goods from Cincinnati, Ohio, by wagon. He was one of the most highly respected men of his community and in business affairs was very successful. Mrs. Jackson's father was a farmer by occupation and made his home in Vermilion county for many years but later removed to Douglas county, this state. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson one is now deceased and the others are: John L.; Frank; Jennie, the wife of H. L. Freeman; Laura, now Mrs. Wm. Pundt; Ada, the wife of Burt Jones; and Lula, the wife of D. R. Swam.

In his political affiliations Mr. Jackson was a democrat and in his social relations was a Mason. He attended the Methodist Episcopal church and led an upright, honorable life, which commended him to the confidence and high regard of all who knew him. In business affairs he was always found prompt and thoroughly reliable, and, being dependent upon his own resources from the early age of ten years, the success that he attained was certainly well deserved. He not only left his family a large estate but also a good name and the memory of one to whom reference can always be made with pride. He passed away on the 14th of December, 1895, in Danville, and was buried in Spring Hill cemetery.

ANDREW PETERSON.

The life record of Andrew Peterson is an excellent example of what may be accomplished in America by a man of foreign birth. Oliver Wendell Holmes characterized America as the "land of opportunity," while Benjamin Harrison said: "The gates of Castle Garden never swing outward." This is but another way of saying that the advantages of the new world are so great that he who comes from foreign lands to this country does not desire to return for perma-

ment residence. Mr. Peterson is numbered among the valued citizens of Hoopeston that Sweden has furnished to the United States. He was born December 7, 1864, a son of Jens and Maria (Larson) Peterson, both of whom passed away while still residents of Sweden. In their family were nine children, seven sons and two daughters, of whom the following are still living: Rev. P. Peterson, a minister of the Swedish Lutheran church, now located at Rankin, Illinois; Swan, a florist of Gibson City, Illinois; Ella, the widow of Nels Johnson and now a resident of Hoopeston; Anna, the wife of Andrew Olson, residing in Sweden; Nels, whose home is at Harby, Sweden; and Jens, also living in the old country.

The other surviving member of the family is Andrew Peterson, who was educated in Sweden, attending school until sixteen years of age when he came to America with an older brother. It requires courage to sever home ties and leave one's native land, facing a future the conditions of which are unknown, but with resolute spirit Andrew Peterson turned his face to the new world, hoping that he might have better opportunities in this country than he could secure in Sweden. He settled first in Gibson City, Illinois, and for one term attended the public schools there, thus acquainting himself more largely with the English language. He made it his first duty then to learn the business of a horticulturist and florist, and followed this in connection with the Rev. L. L. Reinhart, with whom he remained for eight years, gaining comprehensive knowledge of the business. He then removed to Chicago and was employed by Theodore Freeman in the retail grocery business, remaining in his service for six years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode at Paxton, Illinois, and bought out Andrew Johnson, a florist. He remained there for nine years and during that time purchased a greenhouse of F. L. Shriever, of Hoopeston, which he conducted at the same time, carrying on his enterprise at Paxton for about four years.

In 1905 he sold his interests in Paxton and concentrated his energies upon his business at Hoopeston. He has remodeled the plant, adding to his buildings, and has also purchased ten acres just outside the corporation limits of the town on which he also has a number of large greenhouses. In fact his equipment for the conduct of his business is the largest of this kind to be found in this entire section of the state. His shipments cover a wide territory, extending from New Mexico to Canada, and the productions of his greenhouses are to be found in the principal cities of the United States. He was a poor boy when he came to the new world, and moreover met with the misfortune of having his leg broken while en route on a steamship. When he accepted his first position he was in debt to the amount of two hundred and seventy-five dollars. He made it his first object to discharge his financial obligations and since that time economy and industry have advanced his interests in a substantial way until he is now at the head of an extensive enterprise, bringing him very gratifying financial returns each year.

Mr. Peterson was married in Chicago, April 11, 1896, to Matilda Johnson, a daughter of John Swanson, also a native of Sweden. Mr. Peterson attributes much of his success to his wife, who at all times has been to him a faithful helpmate as well as a devoted companion. They are members of the Luth-

eran church and Mr. Peterson belongs to Star Lodge, No. 709 A. F. & A. M., and to the Modern Woodmen camp. His political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party. His life work may well serve as an example to others who wish to attain success but must start out in life as he did, without capital or the aid of influential friends. Gradually he has worked his way upward and his efforts have been effective forces in the attainment of prosperity in this country, where "labor is king."

THOMAS BENNETT.

For almost half a century Thomas Bennett has been numbered among the leading and representative citizens of Vermilion county and in its development and improvement he has ever borne an active and prominent part. For many years he was successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising, but is now living retired a mile and a half south of Rossville, enjoying the fruits of former toil. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Bedfordshire, England, on the 24th of June, 1830, a son of Thomas and Rebecca (Stewart) Bennett, who were also natives of England and brought their family to America in 1851, locating upon a farm in Ross township, Vermilion county, Illinois. Here the father purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land and to its cultivation and improvement he devoted his energies throughout the remainder of his life. He converted the tract into a valuable property, supplied with all the improvements known at that time. His death occurred when he was about seventy-four years of age and both he and his wife were laid to rest in the Mann burying ground.

In the family of this worthy couple were nine children, of whom Thomas is the seventh in order of birth, but only three of the number are now living, the brothers of our subject being Samuel and Simeon, now residents of Danville.

Reared in the land of his nativity, Thomas Bennett acquired his education in the common schools and after coming to the United States assisted his father in the operation of the home farm for some time. He had previously learned the butcher's trade in England and later engaged in that business at Covington, Indiana, for fifteen years. In connection with that enterprise he also gave some attention to packing and gradually developed a profitable business along that line. For a time he also engaged in the butchering business in Danville and was in the employ of Henry Smith, a pioneer merchant of this city, for whom he worked for twelve dollars per month and had to board himself. He also drove a team for William Lamb, one of the early settlers of the county, who was killed during the Civil war.

Mr. Bennett was married in October, 1858, to Miss Catherine E. Mann, a sister of Abraham Mann and a daughter of Abraham Mann, Sr. She died in 1872 and the six children born of that marriage are also deceased. For his second wife Mr. Bennett married Miss Frances Beal, a native of Kentucky and a resident of Vermilion county. They today occupy one of the finest residences in this portion of the state, it being thoroughly modern and up-to-date

in all its appointments, finished throughout with hard wood, lighted by gas and supplied with water from Mr. Bennett's own water works upon his place.

In the management of his affairs Mr. Bennett has met with most excellent success, being a man of enterprise, sound judgment and good business ability as well as industrious and progressive, and to these characteristics he owes his prosperity. As his financial resources increased he made judicious investments in real estate and at one time was the owner of sixteen hundred acres of land but has since disposed of part of this, retaining, however, about one thousand acres of very valuable and highly cultivated land. During his active connection with agricultural pursuits he gave special attention to the raising of cattle and high grade hogs, shipping annually about five hundred head of Duroc Jersey hogs and seventy-five to one hundred head of cattle each year. He became one of the most extensive stock-dealers in this section of the state but is now practically living retired, looking after his invested interests.

Mr. Bennett became identified with the republican party upon its organization, casting his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont, but at local elections he supports the men and measures whom he believes best qualified for office regardless of party affiliations. For many years he served as school treasurer and has always taken a commendable interest in educational affairs, doing all in his power to promote the moral, intellectual and material development of this section of the country. Both he and his wife are earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are people of prominence in the community where they reside. Coming to this region when the country was largely a wild and unimproved district, Mr. Bennett has borne an active part in its development and progress and is well worthy of honorable mention in the history of his adopted county.

ROBERT FROST PINEGAR.

Robert Frost Pinegar, agent for the Big Four Railroad Company at Oakwood, was born near Fairmount, Illinois, April 8, 1872, a son of James and Elizabeth (Crawford) Pinegar, who were natives of Tennessee and Indiana respectively. They were married in the latter state in 1853 and in 1861 removed to Ashkum, Illinois, where they remained for a few years before coming to Vermilion county. Here they settled on a farm near Fairmount, the father renting land which he continued to cultivate until 1880, when he retired from active life, taking up his abode in Danville. His remaining days were spent in the enjoyment of a well earned rest to the 24th of September, 1898, when he passed away, since which time his widow, who is now seventy-seven years of age, has resided with her children. At the time of the Civil war Mr. Pinegar responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting on the 12th of August, 1862, as a member of Company C, Eighty-eighth Illinois Infantry. He participated in the battle of Chickamauga on the 19th and 20th of September, 1863; Mission Ridge, November 25, 1863; Rocky Face Ridge, May 12, 1864; Resaca, Georgia, May 14 and 15, 1864; and Adairsville, May 17, 1864. The company

was at first commanded by W. A. Whiting, who was succeeded by H. H. Cushing, while the colonel was F. T. Sherman. Mr. Pinegar was also with General Sherman on the famous march to the sea. He received an honorable discharge February 8, 1865. At Adairsville he was wounded in the left arm and the injuries finally caused paralysis, eventually ending his life in September, 1898. Unto Mr. and Mrs. James Pinegar were born seven children: Ella, Charlie and Margaret, all deceased; Julia A., the wife of Isaac Bryant, of Farmersburg, Indiana; Ara L., the wife of Clark Thompson, of Danville; James R., deceased; and Robert F.

Robert F. Pinegar spent his youthful days in his parents' home, there remaining until twenty-five years of age. Following his marriage he engaged in clerking in a store and then occupied a restaurant position, in which he continued for a year. He afterward carried the mail on a rural route for nine months, at the end of which time he turned his attention to the paper-hanging and painting business, in which he continued for three years. He then undertook the task of building a house from the foundation up and when this was completed accepted the position of agent for the Big Four Railroad Company at Oakwood, having in his younger years learned telegraphy. He has continued in this position to the present time, never losing a day, his efficiency and faithfulness gaining him the entire confidence of the company while his courtesy and obliging manner made him a favorite with the patrons of the road.

On the 4th of August, 1898, Mr. Pinegar was married to Miss Myrta A. Young, who was born March 19, 1872, a daughter of John H. and Sarah (Lockhart) Young, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Illinois. Her grandparents were Thomas H. and Eliza (Moffett) Young, natives of Kentucky who removed to Indiana in the early '20s and there entered land from the government. The farm which Thomas H. Young there developed continued to be their home through their remaining days. Their son, John H. Young, remained at home until 1862, when he enlisted in the Seventy-second Indiana Regiment for service in the Civil war and participated in a number of important battles. At Chickamauga he was wounded in the left leg and left arm and at Franklin, Tennessee, was mustered out. Following his return to Indiana he engaged in clerking in a drug store and also taught school for several years. In 1869 he removed to a farm in Newell township, Virginia county, where he lived for two years, after which he spent three years in Nebraska. He then returned to Vermilion county, where he engaged in farming for E. E. Boudinot. In 1880 he formed a partnership with Mr. Bond and they established a general store at Oakwood. Ten days later Mr. Young purchased his partner's interest and conducted the business until 1897, when his store was destroyed by fire. Later he established a drug store which he is now conducting. He married Sarah L. Lockhart, a native of this county, and the daughter of Joseph and Louisa (Chandler) Lockhart, natives of Kentucky, who came to Vermilion county in 1827. Mr. and Mrs. Young became parents of five children: Nellie, who was born December 28, 1868, and died September 15, 1895; John H., who died at the age of nine months; Myrta, now Mrs. Pinegar; Charles C., who is postmaster of Oakwood; and Vera L., at home. Mr. Young is still an active

business man of Oakwood, now sixty-six years of age, and his wife is sixty-two years of age.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Pinegar has been blessed with two children: Nellie June, born June 22, 1899; and John Roberts Clark, born October 13, 1903. The parents are consistent and faithful members of the Christian church and Mr. Pinegar belongs to the Modern Woodmen Camp of Oakwood and to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and he has served for one year as village clerk. His wife was for seven years a successful teacher of Vermilion county, before her marriage. Both possess admirable characteristics which have gained for them warm and lasting regard and they are numbered among the most highly esteemed residents of Oakwood.

GEORGE E. TILTON.

Although Illinois has attracted from other states many of her most useful and enterprising citizens and not a few of her people have come from across the sea, it is also true that many of the men and women of Illinois were born within its limits and here made their permanent home. In this state they grew up and here they established themselves and by industry and good management attained the prosperity which almost invariably attends honorable efforts.

Among the number of native sons of Illinois was George E. Tilton, now deceased, who was a well known farmer of Grant township, Vermilion county. He first saw the light of day December 1, 1851, a son of Frederick and Affa K. (Horton) Tilton, the father a native of Quebec, Canada, and the mother of Habersham county, Georgia. Frederick Tilton came to Illinois at an early date and entered a large tract of land, becoming one of the successful pioneer farmers, and here he passed away. There were ten children born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Tilton, six of whom are now living. The subject of the review grew up under the fostering care of a loving father and mother and was educated in the district schools. After laying his books aside he continued with his parents, being associated with his father in farming operations, in which he was very successful. He became the owner of one of the well improved farms in Grant township and attained a reputation as one of the most thorough farmers in the region. On July 21, 1908, Mr. Tilton was called from earthly scenes, at the age of fifty-six years, seven months and twenty days. His death was deeply regretted by the people of the entire region, as he had been an active and useful member of the community. The remains of this worthy citizen were interred in Red Top cemetery.

In 1881 Mr. Tilton was united in marriage to Miss Mary Judy, who was called away three years later. She was the mother of two children: Frederick, now a resident of Montana; and Pearl, deceased. On April 1, 1888, Mr. Tilton was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Florence Clements, a native of La Salle county, Illinois, and a daughter of Hugh and Sarah (Bowlby)

Clements. By the second marriage six children were born: Ray E., Mary L., Ida M., Grace E., Viola E. and Orlo H.

Mr. Tilton gave his adhesion to the democratic party, believing that its principles are those most in accordance with the objects of a free government. The only official positions he ever held were minor offices in the township. He was an earnest and devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, accepting the teachings of that church as the doctrines of the New Testament. As a citizen he attempted to perform his duty and in all relations of life his constant aim was to be governed by the principles of truth and justice. Mrs. Tilton now resides with her children on the home farm and as the head of the family is ably discharging the responsibilities that in years past devolved upon her husband. She is identified with the Methodist Episcopal church and is a willing assistant in any cause that seeks to advance the permanent interest of the people of Grant township, where she has passed a large part of her life and where she is recognized as one of its most worthy representatives.

HENRY L. CHACE.

Henry L. Chace, a veteran of the Civil war, whose loyalty in days of peace has been equally pronounced, is now living retired in Hoopeston save for the supervision which he gives to his property interests that are extensive and include both city realty and farm lands. He was born in Newport, Rhode Island, March 7, 1843. His father, Henry C. Chase, was a native of Newport county, Rhode Island, and came of a family long connected with New England and of Quaker faith. He wedded Mary Ann Lyon, whose ancestors were also early New England people but were not Quakers. In his younger days Henry C. Chace was a merchant of Georgetown, South Carolina, being engaged with his father in commercial pursuits. Later, however, he turned his attention to farming and continued in that business until his death, which occurred in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1882. His wife survived him for two years.

Henry L. Chace, whose name introduces this review, pursued his education in the public schools of Newport, passing through consecutive grades until he left the high school at the age of fifteen years to take his place in the business world. He assisted his father on the farm until nineteen years of age, and then, his patriotic spirit being aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union, he enlisted as a member of Company B, Twelfth Rhode Island Infantry. He was mustered out ten months later. He fought in the battle of Fredericksburg and was in other active service under General Burnside, commanding the Army of the Potomac.

Following the close of the war Mr. Chace came to Illinois, settling in La Salle county in 1866, and there engaged in farming until 1877. In that year he took up his abode in Grant township, Vermilion county, where he purchased lands and carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1892. In the latter year he removed to Hoopeston but still retains his farms, employing people to work them. He owns altogether about three-quarters of a section of land in this



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county and also extensive holdings in Michigan farm lands. He has dealt extensively in real estate in the city of Hoopeston, where he still has a large number of properties. His investments have been very judiciously made, showing discriminating business judgment and a marked spirit of enterprise. He was formerly a stockholder and one of the directors of the First National Bank of Hoopeston but is not financially associated with the institution at the present time.

Before his removal to the middle west Mr. Chace was married at Newport, Rhode Island, on the 25th of March, 1866, to Miss Annie E. Coggshall, a native of that city and a daughter of Aaron S. Coggshall. On the 7th of July, 1909, Mr. Chace was again married, his second union being with Miss Frances Armstrong, a daughter of William Armstrong, an ex-soldier of the Civil war. In 1835 he accompanied his parents on their removal from Ohio to Peoria county, Illinois, the family being pioneer settlers of that section of the state. William Armstrong came to Vermilion county in 1871 and followed farming here. Mrs. Chace was a teacher in the public schools of Hoopeston for twenty-two years or until her marriage to our subject. They hold membership in the Universalist church and are prominent socially in this city, having many warm friends here.

In his political views Mr. Chace is a republican but not an active worker in the party aside from casting his ballot in support of the principles in which he believes and the candidates who represent the party platform. He has, however, served as a member of the Hoopeston council and was school director of Grant township for a number of years. For twenty years he has been a member of the Owl Club and also belongs to the Commercial Club of Hoopeston. He has led a busy life and his marked enterprise has made him one of the most prosperous residents of his community. He has excellent business ability as an organizer, forms his plans readily and in their execution is determined, prompt and reliable. This has enabled him to overcome obstacles that he has encountered and has been one of the salient features of his success.

BENNETT H. McMILLAN.

Among Danville's citizens who have left the impress of their individuality upon the business life of the city is Bennett H. McMillan, now deceased, who was the organizer of the Fidelity Furniture Company, carrying on business both in Danville and Champaign, Illinois. He was a native of Pennsylvania, his birth occurring in Washington county, July 7, 1868, and his parents were Dr. Leander and Sarah Jane (Hunt) McMillan. The father served three years in the Civil war as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was a physician by profession and was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia in 1871 and was then engaged in practice at Mount Morris, Pennsylvania, where he passed away in 1875. The mother of our subject subsequently married Benjamin Dickson, a prominent farmer and stockman of Edgar county, Illinois.

Coming to this state with his mother, Bennett H. McMillan began his education in the common schools of Edgar county and later attended the Central Normal College of Danville, Indiana. At the age of fourteen years he learned telegraphy and was only fifteen when placed in charge of a telegraph office, later becoming operator and railroad agent, in which capacity he continued in the railroad service for about twelve years. At the end of that time he accepted the position of bookkeeper with the Golden Rule store of Danville, Illinois. He was later connected with Meis Brothers Company for several years and opened a store for Meis & Bear. He was subsequently general manager of the Gus M. Greenbaum & Company stores, remaining with that firm for about ten years. In the meantime he organized the Fidelity Furniture Company, incorporated, of Danville and Champaign, their Danville store being located at 212 North Vermilion street, but was afterward moved to 433 East Main street, where business was carried on by Mr. McMillan until the summer of 1907, when he was compelled to retire on account of ill health. He then went west in the hope of recuperating but passed away at Colorado Springs, January 27, 1908.

Mr. McMillan was married December 15, 1892, to Miss Edna Terrill, of Danville, Illinois, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Woodcock, who were her mother and stepfather. This union has been blessed with two children: Ralph, now fourteen years of age; and Frank, nine years old.

Mr. McMillan was a prominent member of the Masonic lodge of Danville, in which he held the office of worshipful master, and also a charter member of the Danville lodge of Elks, serving as its secretary and treasurer for a number of years and also as exalted ruler. He was also a member of the Danville Chamber of Commerce and was very prominent both in business and social circles, for he was a man who commanded the confidence and high regard of all with whom he was brought in contact. His political support was given the democratic party and as a public-spirited citizen he took a commendable interest in the welfare of his adopted city.

JOHN H. NELSON.

Analyzing the life record of John H. Nelson it is evident that energy and determination have constituted the potent forces in the success which now crowns his labors. He was born in Denmark, September 22, 1843, and without special advantages at the outset of his career and with only limited education to aid him he has worked his way steadily upward. His parents were James and Carrie (Johnson) Nelson, who spent their entire lives in Denmark. Their son John was reared under the parental roof and to some extent attended the public schools of his native country, but his opportunity in that line was somewhat limited and it is in the school of experience that he has learned the valuable lessons which have made him a practical and farsighted business man.

In the spring of 1869 Mr. Nelson came to the United States and for one year was located in Council Bluffs. His first work was on the construction of the Rock Island Railroad and later he followed various other pursuits. For a

time he was in the employ of a farmer living north of Council Bluffs but, although he hired for a year, he only worked for a month, as at the end of that time he went to South Dakota. There he was engaged on the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad for a month and as he received no pay for his services he returned to Council Bluffs and worked on the building of the Rock Island Railroad. In March, 1871, he came to Vermilion county and for four years was employed on the Allerton farms. At the end of that time he went to Chicago, where he found employment as a teamster, remaining in that city for fourteen years. He then returned to Vermilion county and took up his abode on his present home farm of eighty acres, forty acres of which he had acquired before going to Chicago. Two years after his return he purchased the other forty-acre tract and is now the owner of a good property, which is well improved. The fields have been brought under a high state of cultivation and good crops are gathered annually. The stock which he handles, too, is of good grades and everything about the place indicates his enterprising spirit and progressive methods.

On the 15th of April, 1875, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Johnson, a native of Sweden, who at that time was a resident of Vermilion county, where she had made her home for some time. Unto them have been born four children: Carrie, the wife of W. A. Gray, of Hudson, Kansas; Josephine, the wife of Carl F. Gillman, of Chewelah, Washington; Helen, the wife of Thomas Armstrong, of Buckeye, Texas; and Anna, the wife of Harry A. Reed, of Lebanon, Indiana.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Nelson is a republican in his political views. Without any special advantages at the outset of his career, John H. Nelson has steadily worked his way upward and has been both the architect and builder of his own fortunes. He has made good use of his time and opportunities and justly merits the prosperity which has come to him.

JOHN BROWN PECKHAM

While John Brown Peckham was well known as an upright and honorable citizen of Danville it was as a musician that he won distinction and attained to a position of prominence here. He was born in Connecticut in 1833 and was a son of Samuel Peckham, who was a teacher of bookkeeping and spent his last days in the west. Our subject was a lad of sixteen years when he came to the Mississippi valley and settled in St. Louis and there engaged in the teaching of music, for which he was admirably qualified by taste and talent. He was in charge of musical instruction in the public schools there for several years and also served as organist of St. George's church of that city.

In 1855 Mr. Peckham was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte W. Clarke in Utica, Illinois, and they became the parents of five children, of whom one died in infancy, while one son and three daughters still survive, namely: Mrs. Anna Gardner, of Utica; James C.; Grace, at home with her mother; and Julia, now Mrs. C. A. Carey, of Utica, Illinois.

After residing in several other cities in Illinois Mr. Peckham came to Danville in 1883 and continued to make his home here throughout the remainder of his life, dying on the 5th of March, 1893. During his residence here he continued to follow his profession as an instructor of music, teaching all kinds of instruments, but the violin was his favorite and the one he played the most. He was a man of even temperament and pleasing manner, who hated all pretence and fraud and was ever found upright and honorable in all the relations of life.

Mr. Peckham was an earnest and consistent Christian, serving as vestryman in the Protestant Episcopal church, to which he belonged, but was broad and liberal in his views and frequently attended other churches. In Masonry he attained to the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite and was affiliated with that order from the 30th of December, 1857, when he united with the lodge at La Salle, Illinois. He was honored by various offices, serving as worshipful master in the blue lodge, as most excellent high priest, as eminent commander and as grand sword bearer in the grand commandery of Illinois. He was also a prominent member of the Odd Fellows society and at his death was laid to rest with Masonic honors by the Knights Templar. He was a devoted husband and father and his many admirable traits of character won for him the lasting friendship of a large circle of acquaintances. As a musician his services were in constant demand and his talent was such as to win for him a reputation of which his family may well be proud.

TADE LAYDEN.

Tade Layden, one of the successful farmers of Grant township, owes his prosperity to a laudable ambition which at the very beginning of his career made itself manifest and which has always been directed along channels productive of results that redound to the benefit of its possessor and the community. Mr. Layden has been a resident of Vermilion county for thirty-five years and his progress as an agriculturist is a striking example of what may be accomplished by one obliged to make his own way in the world, who in his earlier years is willing to practice self-denial in order that later in life he may possess an abundance.

Mr. Layden is a native of Ireland and was born May 15, 1849. He comes of good Irish stock and his parents were John and Margaret (Stanner) Layden. Desiring to secure more favorable opportunities for themselves and their children, the parents emigrated to America in 1852, locating in Indiana, where Mr. Layden entered the service of the Wabash Railroad Company and continued in the employ of that company until he reached seventy-four years of age, when he was called to his final rest. The beloved mother died eleven days before the last summons came for the father, leaving seven children, three of whom are now living.

The subject of this review grew up under the kindly care of a protecting home and received his education in the public schools. After laying his books

aside he began farming in Indiana, where he continued until 1877, when he came to Vermilion county and rented a farm, which he conducted so successfully that in 1885 he bought a farm on section 10, Grant township, where he has since lived. By good management he increased his bank account to generous proportions, adding new acreage to his original farm until at the present time he is the owner of a valuable farm of eight hundred and forty acres in this township and also of two hundred and forty acres in Iroquois county, this state, so that he is the possessor of over one thousand acres of highly improved land and is recognized as one of the largest farmers in this region. An upright and honorable business man, he has become widely known and his operations have been remarkably successful.

On the 5th of November, 1883, Mr. Layden was united in marriage to Miss Martha Thompson, a native of Kentucky, where she was born November 16, 1855. She is a daughter of James W. and Rebecca (Shields) Thompson, both of whom were natives of Kentucky, belonging to one of the stanch families of that state. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Layden, six of whom are living: John, a lawyer of Hartshorne, Oklahoma; Tade and Thomas, who are twins, the former now in attendance at the State University and the latter engaged in farming on his father's farm; Anna, who is a graduate of the State Normal School and has become a successful teacher; Edward, now a student in the high school at Hoopeston; and Ruth, now a student in a school at Cheneyville, Illinois.

Mr. Layden and his wife are consistent members of the Catholic church and are always willing contributors toward its many charities. Mr. Layden is a lifelong democrat and an ardent supporter of the principles of that party. He has never sought for public office but has served with general acceptance to the community as a member of the school board. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Layden is one of the most hospitable in Vermilion county. The stranger is here made to feel at ease, and friends and acquaintances are assured of a hearty greeting. In the years Mr. Layden has made this county his home he has become closely connected with many of its most progressive people and has gained a reputation as one of its most worthy citizens—one who is ready and willing at all times to do what he can to advance the interests of his adopted county and state.

JOHN G. BAIRD.

John G. Baird, who is probably the oldest native born son of Vermilion county, has lived here continuously from his birth to the present time. He has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and is now the owner of three hundred and eighty acres of land in Carroll township, constituting one of the valuable farms of this county. His birth occurred on the place where he now resides, his natal day being December 31, 1835.

His parents, Joseph and Lydia (Mendenhall) Baird, were natives of Maysville, Kentucky, and Spring Valley, Ohio, respectively, the former born on the 19th of March, 1801, and the latter on the 6th of March, 1813. The father came to Vermilion county in 1829, when twenty-eight years of age, while the mother was brought here by her parents in 1824, when a maiden of eleven years. They were married in this county and here continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives. Joseph Baird entered two hundred and forty acres of government land, while his wife entered a tract of forty acres. Subsequently he purchased a quarter section of land (now included within the home farm of our subject), erected the brick dwelling which still stands thereon and made the farm his place of abode until the time of his death. He prospered in his undertaking as an agriculturist, accumulating six hundred acres of valuable and productive land. His political allegiance was given to the democracy, but when Lincoln was chosen as the presidential candidate of the republican party for the second time he voted for the great emancipator. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Baptist church, to which his wife also belonged. He passed away in August, 1868, in his sixty-eighth year, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1891, when in the seventy-seventh year of her age.

John G. Baird was reared under the parental roof and obtained his early education in the common schools, while subsequently he spent four winter terms as a student in the Vermilion Academy at what is now Vermilion Grove. On attaining his majority he took charge of the operation of the home farm in association with his brother David, the two young men managing the place until some years after their father's demise. In 1876 David Baird left the old homestead and our subject then operated the place in association with his brother Silas, who was about eighteen years old. In the spring of 1885 a division of the estate was made, but prior to that time the three brothers had purchased the interests of their four sisters. The first proposition relative to a division was made on a Saturday night and on the following Monday morning, before ten o'clock, each one took charge of his own land, having come to a satisfactory agreement. The farm of John G. Baird, including his share of the estate together with what he has bought since the division and the land he and his brothers had purchased during the operation of the home place, now embraces three hundred and eighty acres. He likewise owns forty acres of valuable coal land in the heart of the horseshoe coal district in Indiana. His farming interests have returned to him a gratifying annual income and he has long been numbered among the most prosperous and respected citizens of his native county.

In 1884 Mr. Baird was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Hayward, of Vermilion Grove, this county, her parents coming here from Indiana when she was a small girl. Unto them have been born five children, namely: Helen, who is now attending the Eastern Illinois Normal School at Charleston, Illinois; and Bernice, Clarence H., Marian and Hortense, all at home.

Mr. Baird is a republican in politics and has served as a member of the school board for many years, acting in that capacity at the present time. He likewise served as township assessor for one term, ever discharging his official duties in a most prompt and capable manner. Vermilion county has remained

his home throughout his entire life, or for three-fourths of a century, and he is well known and highly esteemed within its borders. Genial and kindly in nature, he fully appreciates his obligations to his fellowmen, and his honorable principles and upright manhood have won for him the high regard, confidence and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

ISAAC O. CLARK.

Prominent among the industrious, enterprising and successful farmers of Jamaica township is Isaac O. Clark, the owner of one hundred and ninety-three acres of rich and arable land. His birth occurred in Carroll township (now a part of Jamaica township) on the 19th of May, 1861, his parents being Silas and Nancy (Axtell) Clark, both of whom were natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, removed westward to Ohio early in the '50s, spending a year or two in that state. He then came to Vermilion county, Illinois, and after a short residence here took up his permanent abode in what is now Jamaica township, then a part of Carroll township. He accumulated two hundred and thirty-three acres of land and lived on his farm until called to his final rest. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and, though not an office seeker, he held the offices of school trustee and school treasurer for a number of years. A Presbyterian in religious faith, he was a consistent Christian gentleman and one whose life was at all times in harmony with his professions. Fraternally he was identified with the Georgetown lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a charter member thereof. Charitable and generous in disposition, the poor and needy never sought his aid in vain, and his many good qualities won him the esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He passed away on the 11th of January, 1894, when in the seventy-second year of his age.

Silas Clark was married three times, his first union being with a Miss Woodruff, by whom he had two children, one of whom still survives, namely: Elizabeth, the widow of W. S. Douglas, of Catlin, this county. In 1856 or 1857 he wedded Miss Nancy Axtell, by whom he likewise had two children, our subject being the only one living, however. The demise of his second wife occurred on the 8th of May, 1888, and he afterward married Mrs. Ann Fellers, who still survives and now makes her home in Ridge Farm. The mother of our subject was twice married, her first husband being James Rial, by whom she had one child who died in infancy.

Isaac O. Clark spent his youthful years under the parental roof, attending the public schools in pursuit of an education. On attaining his majority he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, operating the home farm in partnership with his father for about three years. On the expiration of that period he purchased a portion of the old homestead place and for a number of years cultivated the tract in addition to the remainder of the farm. In 1897 he improved his own farm with a modern residence, substantial barns and out-buildings and has made his home thereon continuously since. The place com-

prises one hundred and ninety-three acres of valuable land in Jamaica township and yields a gratifying annual income to its owner.

In 1883 Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Chloe E. Miller, of Jamaica township, this county, her father being Henry L. Miller, a prominent agriculturist of that township. Unto them were born two children, as follows: Roy E., who operates the home farm for his father; and Ernest O., who passed away when thirteen years of age. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 23d of April, 1910, and her loss was deeply mourned by all who knew her.

In politics Mr. Clark is independent, voting for men and measures rather than party. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. He has resided in Vermilion county from his birth to the present time and is well known as a reliable and straightforward business man, fully meriting the confidence and good will which are extended to him by his fellow citizens.

J. A. ANDREWS.

For sixty years J. A. Andrews has been a resident of Newell township, Vermilion county. Here he has witnessed great changes and here he has grown from a country lad to a man of intelligence and energy, who has assisted in an important degree in the transformation of the region so that it is now one of the richest farming districts of Illinois—the abode of comfort and happiness. Mr. Andrews first saw the light of day June 3, 1850. He is a son of D. P. and Rhoda (Zumwalt) Andrews, the former a native of New York state and the latter of Kentucky. The father came to Illinois as a member of the pioneer family of Andrews in 1829 and the mother came with her parents when she was in her girlhood. After their marriage they settled on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres that he had bought and continued increasing the area of the farm until it included three hundred and seventy-one acres, all of which was improved except forty acres, which was in timber. The farm is still owned by members of the family. Mr. Andrews departed this life February 17, 1879, and his wife was called away November 9, 1897. Their bodies lie side by side in Walnut Corner cemetery.

J. A. Andrews received his education in a country schoolhouse and grew to manhood upon the farm, where he proved a willing assistant in all farm operations and became thoroughly acquainted with the details of agriculture and stock-raising, showing a judgment that was indicative of his further success. At twenty-one years of age he took charge of part of the homestead and after his father's death he became owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land as his share of the estate. This land he has improved to a high degree and he also increased the size of his place about eighty acres, so that at the present time he is the owner of a farm of two hundred and forty acres with a handsome modern residence and all the accessories of a well regulated establishment.

On April 2, 1878, Mr. Andrews was united in marriage to Miss Annie Johnson, who came to Illinois from Indiana with her parents about 1850, the family



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locating in Vermilion county, where Mr. Johnson engaged in farming until about 1900. He then leased his farm and retired to Bismarck, where he died in August, 1904, his wife having been called away February 12, 1891. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrews: Clara G., who was born February 3, 1880, and died July 29, 1889; Ross A., who was born September 25, 1882, and died January 17, 1902; Leon H., born July 19, 1885, who was married to Miss Onie White and now lives in Ross township; Richard C., born July 25, 1888, and living at home; Ora H., born April 26, 1891, and also living at home; Everett R., born July 26, 1894; and Eugene M., born June 6, 1908.

Mr. Andrews is in sympathy with the principles of the republican party and has been honored by selection to public office by the people of his township, discharging his duties with fidelity and promptness. He served as commissioner of highways for three years and as member of the school board for twenty-five years. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 893, of Bismarck, and also of the Modern Woodmen of America, Lodge No. 2405, also of Bismarck. The success of Mr. Andrews has been due, as it generally is, to an inherent ambition to accomplish something worthy in life. He keeps well informed on the general events of the day and has always been alive to the progress of the county where he was born and in which his deepest interest is centered. He is easily among the leaders in anything he desires to undertake. It is men of this class that are most important in the progress and permanency of any community.

HARVEY C. ADAMS.

Harvey C. Adams was born in Cass county, Indiana, February 2, 1870. His father, Lewis Adams, was a native of Preble county, Ohio, and devoted much of his life to merchandising at Galveston, Indiana. In 1876 he removed to Crawford county, Illinois, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1903 when he was seventy-four years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Hannah Schuman, is a native of Preble county, Ohio, and is now living in Danville.

Harvey C. Adams, the youngest in a family of eight children, received a common-school education at Hutsonville, and there learned the painter's trade, which he followed for three years. He then entered the Indiana Normal College at Valparaiso. His education has largely been won through his own efforts. Having studied shorthand, he engaged in stenographic work in Robinson, the county seat of Crawford county, and became court reporter. He afterward took the civil service examination at Indianapolis and went to Washington, where he received a government appointment as a stenographer in the treasury department. He was afterward transferred to the civil service commission and still later to the postoffice department. While in the civil service commission Theodore Roosevelt was one of the three commissioners and Mr. Adams took dictation from him and knew him well. While in Washington Mr. Adams studied law at night until graduating in 1892. The following year he was admitted to the

bar of Illinois upon examination before the supreme court and located for practice in Danville. After a short time he became secretary to Judge Jacob W. Wilkin of the supreme court, with whom he remained for eleven years. He then became interested in real estate in Danville and was appointed secretary of the Vermilion County Building & Loan Association, which position he still fills. He has built the business of the association from three hundred and fifty thousand dollars to one million dollars. The Danville Brick Company was reorganized through his personal effort and the output increased from five thousand to sixty thousand paving blocks daily. He is now president of the company, the business of which has been built up largely through his individual efforts and indicates his sound judgment and unfaltering energy. In addition to his other interests he was one of the organizers of the Danville Lumber Company, of which he is now treasurer.

Aside from his business connections Mr. Adams has rendered signal service to the county. He served for two years as a member of the city council in 1897 and 1898, and among other acts to his credit he was the author of the first ordinance providing for concrete sidewalks in the city. He has been county supervisor for four years, being elected to the office at a time when the county was one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars in debt. Because of the conditions that existed, the citizens determined to elect business men that something might be done to discharge the indebtedness brought about by mismanagement of county finances. Mr. Adams and a number of business men like him were elected to the office. Within two years the indebtedness was discharged. They issued bonds for ten years but bought them in in less than three years.

In 1892 Mr. Adams was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Meserve, a native of Crawford county, and they have one son, Stephen, who was born July 21, 1901. Both Mr. and Mrs. Adams are well known in social connections and the hospitality of their own home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. In politics he has ever been an earnest republican, but although he held the office of alderman and supervisor, the honors and emoluments of political office have never been an attraction for him. He never held a public office which had a salary attached to it. He is recognized as a public-spirited and progressive citizen and his record has at all times been a creditable one. Gradually he has progressed along the lines of useful development, and in Danville and Vermilion county no man is more respected for what he has accomplished than H. C. Adams.

GEORGE TANNER.

George Tanner, justice of the peace and notary public of Hoopeston, where he has made his home since 1887, has been a resident of Vermilion county since 1868. He was born in Carroll county, Indiana, January 30, 1839, and in both the paternal and maternal lines comes from Germany. One of his great-grandfathers was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. His father, Jacob Tanner, was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, and married Elizabeth Pilcher, also a na-

tive of that state. In 1855 Jacob Tanner removed with his family from Indiana to Illinois, making the trip in a covered wagon and settling two miles west of Paxton, where he engaged in farming. Throughout his entire life he followed that occupation and after remaining for a short time in that locality he removed to a point six miles south of Paxton, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres that he cultivated through the ensuing fifteen years, winning substantial success by the intelligent manner in which he operated the fields and cared for the crops. At length he sold that property and removed to Fountain Creek township, Iroquois county, Illinois, where he remained for ten years, when he disposed of his farm there and became a resident of Oakwood township, Vermilion county. While there residing he lost his first wife by death and in the following year he married Mrs. Boggs. His death occurred soon afterward and in his passing the community lost a representative and valued citizen. In his family were nine children, Peter, John, Sarah, David, William, Davis, Samuel, George and Mary, all of whom were residents of Vermilion county. George Tanner is the only survivor of the family at the present time, his brothers and sisters, however, remaining in Vermilion county until called to their final rest.

George Tanner is indebted to the district-school system of Illinois for the educational privileges he enjoyed. He attended school until twenty years of age but pursued his studies only through the three months' winter term, walking two and a half miles to the old log schoolhouse, which was one of the typical buildings of the times, heated by a great fire place so large that half the trunk of a good sized tree could be put upon the andirons. The methods of instruction were somewhat primitive but he mastered the lessons therein taught and in the school of experience also gained much valuable knowledge.

After leaving school Mr. Tanner was married and engaged in farming for two years in Vermilion county. His wife was Miss Eliza P. Spears, a native of Vermilion county, and a representative of one of the early families here, her parents removing from Virginia to Illinois in pioneer times. On the 17th of November, 1858, exactly two years after their wedding day, Mrs. Tanner died, leaving one son. Mr. Tanner then removed to Indiana, where he secured employment in a sawmill, remaining there for about six months. Then the Civil war came on and his patriotic spirit was aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union. Accordingly he joined Company H, Seventy-second Indiana Volunteer Mounted Infantry, known as Wilder's Brigade. He took part in fifty-two notable engagements and was mustered out July 22, 1865. He certainly did his full share in defense of the Union during the darkest hour in our country's history, never faltering in the performance of duty whether stationed upon the lonely picket line or called to the firing line.

When the war was over Mr. Tanner removed to Paxton, Ford county, Illinois, where he remained but a short time and then went to Pickaway county, Ohio, settling in Darby township. There he was married again, his second wife being Julia A. Tanner, a daughter of David Tanner and a native of Pickaway county. Following his second marriage he returned to Vermilion county in 1868 and has since made his home within its borders, covering a period of forty-two years. During much of the time he has been connected with farming.

interests although since 1887 he has made his home in Hoopeston, where he is now serving for the fifth term as justice of the peace and notary public. His decisions are strictly fair and impartial, winning him golden opinions from all sorts of people and no higher testimonial of his faithfulness could be given than the fact that he has been again and again reelected to the office.

Mr. Tanner had one son, David, who was born in Iroquois county, Illinois, and died at the age of five years. His daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, became the wife of L. D. Knight, a resident of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Another daughter, Ora May, born in Iroquois county, has passed away.

Mr. Tanner is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and has the warm regard of his brethren with whom he fought on the battlefields of the south, defending the interests of the Union with a loyalty that no one questioned. He has been an equally faithful soldier of the church. At the age of seventeen he joined the Methodist church, and following the war he became a member of the Baptist church. He has taught the Bible class in Sunday school for the past fifty-four years and has ever been an earnest student of the Scriptures, delving deep into that knowledge which for twenty centuries has furnished the highest plans of life and which seems to possess a broader, deeper interest with each reading. His own life has been actuated at all times by high ideals and noble purposes and he has even endeavored in all of his relations with his fellow-men to closely follow the Golden Rule.

E. E. CLARK, M. D.

Dr. E. E. Clark, who has been numbered among the leading and able medical practitioners of Danville for the past sixteen years, makes a specialty of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. His birth occurred in Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio, on the 28th of September, 1866, his parents being A. D. and Sarah J. (Hawkins) Clark, who were likewise natives of the Buckeye state. The father passed away in the year 1872.

Dr. E. E. Clark supplemented his preliminary education, acquired in the public schools of Ohio, by a course of study in the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute. Believing that the medical profession would prove to him a congenial field of labor, he entered the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati and was graduated from that institution in 1892. After spending a year as house surgeon in a Cincinnati hospital he began the general practice of medicine in that city but remained there for only about twelve months. During the following year he pursued a post-praduate course in New York and in 1894 came to Danville, where he has practiced continuously since. He makes a specialty of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, having studied along those lines while in Berlin, London and Paris in 1904. His practice has continually grown in volume and importance as he has demonstrated his ability to cope with the intricate problems which frequently confront the physician. That he keeps in touch with the profession in its advancement, experimentation and experience is indicated through his membership with the County, State and National Med-

ical Societies and the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology. He is on the staff of Lakeview Hospital and also acts as lecturer to the Danville Training School for Nurses. In August, 1910, he went abroad again and visited the clinics and hospitals of London and Berlin and was absent several months.

In 1895 Dr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Lucas, a native of Gallipolis, Ohio. The Physicians Club numbers him among its valued members. He has gained recognition as one of the able and successful physicians of Danville and by his labors, his high professional attainments and his sterling characteristics has justified the respect and confidence in which he is held by the medical fraternity and the local public.

WILLIAM SILAS BAIRD.

William Silas Baird, the owner of four hundred and twenty acres of valuable farming land in Carroll township, is a worthy native son of Vermilion county and has long been numbered among its most substantial agriculturists and esteemed citizens. He was born on the farm where his brother, John G. Baird, now lives in Carroll township, this county, the date of his birth being August 26, 1853.

His parents, Joseph and Lydia (Mendenhall) Baird, were natives of Maysville, Kentucky, and Spring Valley, Ohio, respectively, the former born on the 19th of March, 1801, and the latter on the 6th of March, 1813. The father came to Vermilion county in 1829, when twenty-eight years of age, while the mother was brought here by her parents in 1824, when a maiden of eleven years. They were married in this county and here continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives. Joseph Baird entered two hundred and forty acres of government land, while his wife entered a tract of forty acres. Subsequently he purchased a quarter section of land (now included within the home farm of his son, John G.), erected the brick dwelling which still stands thereon and made the farm his place of abode until the time of his death. He prospered in his undertakings as an agriculturist, accumulating six hundred acres of valuable and productive land. His political allegiance was given to the democracy, but when Lincoln was chosen as the presidential candidate of the republican party for the second time he voted for the great emancipator. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Baptist church, to which his wife also belonged. He passed away in August, 1868, in his sixty-eighth year, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1891, when in the seventy-seventh year of her age.

William Silas Baird was reared at home and supplemented his preliminary education, obtained in the public schools, by a course of study at Vermilion Academy. On reaching his majority he continued farming in association with his brothers, John and David, maintaining this relation until the time of his marriage, when the division of the estate was made. Just prior to his marriage our subject had purchased the farm on which he now resides and which has

remained his place of abode through all the intervening years. It comprises four hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land in Carroll township and is highly improved in every particular, the buildings thereon including a handsome residence. The soil, which is naturally arable, yields abundant annual harvests, which prove a source of gratifying revenue to him, while his good business ability and close application have gained for him rank among the progressive and prosperous agriculturists of the county. In addition to his home farm he owns nine hundred and twenty-three acres of land in the state of Mississippi.

On the 19th of March, 1885, Mr. Baird was united in marriage to Miss Laura Gray, of Sidell township, her parents being Harvey and Susan (Harmon) Gray, who were among the earliest residents of Vermilion county. Her father was the first settler in the immediate vicinity in which he located in Sidell township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Baird were born five children, only one of whom survives—Florence. She is a graduate of the Indianola high school and the Frances Shimer Academy of Mount Carroll, Illinois, and is now a senior in the University of Illinois.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Baird has supported the men and measures of the republican party, being a firm believer in its principles. Though not an office seeker, the cause of education has ever found in him a stanch friend and he has served on the school board for many years. His wife belongs to the Baptist church and he attends its services and teaches a Sunday school class but has no membership therein. That many of his stanchest friends are numbered among those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time is an indication that his has been an honorable, upright life and one worthy of the esteem in which he is uniformly held.

JOHN S. JOHNSON.

For about a half century John S. Johnson was a resident of Vermilion county, during which period he was identified with farming interests and, although he never sought to figure prominently in public life, he was classed with those citizens whose sterling worth, earnest purpose and fidelity to the duties which come day by day make them valued residents of the community. In fact he possessed many sterling traits of character that gained him high regard and warm friendship.

Mr. Johnson was a native of Union county, Pennsylvania, born on the 23d of November, 1826. His education was acquired in the schools of his native state and he there learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed during his residence in the east. About 1860 he came to Illinois, settling in Vermilion county, where he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, securing a tract of land of ninety-six acres which he at once began to cultivate and develop. As the years passed his farm took on a most attractive appearance, for he added substantial improvements and brought his fields under a high state of cultivation as he devoted his time to the raising of the cereals best

adapted to soil and climate. He was quick to adopt any new method which he believed would prove of practical value in his farm work and as the years went by his property largely increased in value, owing to the improvements which he put upon it and to the fact that the country became more thickly settled and the land was in greater demand. At one time he owned eight hundred acres of land, most of which was purchased at an early day at twenty-five dollars per acre. He subsequently divided his property among his sons, reserving only ninety acres for his own use. After his death this was also divided and the greater part of it sold for one hundred and ninety-five dollars per acre. His widow, however, still owns twenty-seven and a third acres, which is now worth two hundred and fifty dollars per acre. Here she has a beautiful home three-quarters of a mile from Henning.

Mr. Johnson was twice married. He first wedded Miss Katherine Haas and unto them were born seven children: Clara and William, now deceased; Alonzo, Frank, Mrs. Emma Gardner, Mrs. Mary Williamson, and John Wesley. After losing his first wife Mr. Johnson wedded Miss Alice E. Tilton, who was born in Blount township, this county, in 1861. In 1899 she became the wife of Mr. Johnson and took up her abode at the place where she now resides.

The death of Mr. Johnson occurred in Henning on the 28th of April, 1909, at the age of eighty-two years. He belonged to the True American lodge, was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church and contributed liberally to its support, while in the various departments of the church work he took an active and helpful interest. He was devoted to his family, his interest centering in his home and his church. His life was ever upright and honorable and commanded the confidence and good will of all who knew him. He lived to witness remarkable changes in Vermilion county during the fifty years of his residence here and throughout the entire period his influence was always on the side of progress, truth, justice and right.

THOMAS A. GRAHAM.

Among the young men who are shaping the history of the legal profession in Danville is numbered Thomas A. Graham, whose ability is winning him rapid recognition as an able young lawyer, capable in meeting in forensic combat many who entered the fray long before he did. Mr. Graham is a native of this city, born November 30, 1880. His father, Hugh Graham, a native of Scotland, came to the United States in 1850 and, making his way into the interior of the country, settled near Danville, Vermilion county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. He afterward removed to the vicinity of Alvin and there carried on general farming until 1897, when he passed away at the age of fifty-eight years. He served in the Civil war, doing valiant duty with his regiment until the close of hostilities. His wife bore the maiden name of Rose Padmore and was a native of England. By her marriage she became the mother of three children, two sons and a daughter.

Thomas A. Graham pursued his early education in a country school and afterward entered the Greer College at Hoopeston, from which he was graduated in the class of 1901. He supplemented his more specifically literary course by preparation for the bar as a student in the Illinois Wesleyan Law School and was graduated with the class of 1904. The same year he began practice in Danville, where he has since remained, and his ability has found recognition in a large and growing clientage that has connected him with much important litigation held in the courts. He is strong in argument, logical in his deductions and clear in his reasoning. He devotes his time to his profession without regard to politics aside from taking an active interest in support of the measures in which he believes. He has never sought nor desired office yet is never remiss in the duties of citizenship.

On the 20th of October, 1909, Mr. Graham was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Fox, of Danville, who is a daughter of Dr. A. L. Fox, one of the early physicians of this city. The doctor married Eva Gibbs and their daughter, Mrs. Graham, was born in Danville. In his fraternal connection Mr. Graham is a Mason, belonging to Olive Branch Lodge, No. 38. He is also connected with the Improved Order of Red Men and belongs to the First Methodist Episcopal church. His many sterling traits have won him high regard and although one of the younger, he is numbered among the honored and representative citizens of Danville.

FRANK PAYNE.

Among the young men of Danville who have already attained distinction in their chosen profession is Frank Payne, probably one of the most prominent civil engineers in this part of the state. He was born in Brazil, Indiana, May 18, 1868. His father, William J. Payne, was also a native of Indiana where during early life he engaged in farming but in 1886 came to Danville and turned his attention to newspaper work, becoming business manager of the Danville News, of which W. R. Jewell was editor. He held that position for fifteen years and was then appointed deputy postmaster under Mr. Jewell and still continues to serve in that capacity. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rachel Oliver, is also a native of the Hoosier state.

It was during the infancy of Frank Payne that the family came to Danville and he is indebted to the public schools of this city for his early educational advantages. After graduating from the high school in 1904 he pursued a four years' course in civil engineering under the well known surveyor, Donald H. Sawyer, now of Seattle, one of the most prominent engineers of the west. During those years of study Mr. Payne was in the employ of the Illinois Traction Company, of which Mr. Sawyer was chief engineer, and remained with that corporation until December, 1907, at which time he became resident engineer in charge of a construction line from Bloomington to Peoria at a cost of three million dollars.



FRANK PAYNE

On leaving the traction company Mr. Payne was appointed county surveyor of Vermilion county in December, 1907, to fill out an unexpired term and served in that capacity for one year. He then took up private practice and has since met with marked success. Up to within a few years ago nearly all of the important engineering deals were given to Chicago firms, but it is different now, this being largely due to the efforts of Mr. Payne who, in the execution of the contracts awarded him, has displayed most excellent ability in his chosen calling. At present he is engaged on a number of important engineering enterprises in this county which would formerly have gone to outside parties, among them being a sanitary sewerage system and purification works at a cost of seventy-five thousand dollars. He is also engineer for five drainage districts of agricultural lands in Vermilion county at an expenditure of two hundred thousand dollars and is consulting bridge engineer for this county, having under way four bridges costing forty thousand dollars. He also has in charge numerous sewerage systems for smaller towns throughout this section of the state and his work this year will probably involve an expenditure of about one million dollars. Besides these public works he also has been awarded extensive private contracts as a consulting engineer. He is a young man of pronounced ability in his line and undoubtedly a brilliant future lies before him.

On the 8th of December, 1909, Mr. Payne was married in Danville to Miss Julia Lavona Koch, who was born in this city and is a daughter of Robert and Janes (Buy) Koch. Mr. Payne and wife have one son, Frank, Jr., born October 10, 1910.

H. J. CLOUSE.

H. J. Clouse, a successful farmer of Vermilion county, who owns a highly improved farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 9, Grant township, may be regarded as one of the fortunate citizens of this locality. He has spent all of his life upon a farm and here he prospered from year to year until he reached a position of affluence. He was born at Rensselaer, Indiana, June 30, 1859, and is a son of William C. and Rebecca (Parker) Clouse, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. In the spring of 1865 the family removed to Logan county, Illinois, and located on a farm, where the mother departed this life in 1908. The father is still living in Logan county, at the age of eighty years. Ten children were born to them, nine of whom are still living.

The subject of this review received his education in the district schools and grew up upon the home farm, where he became thoroughly acquainted with the various operations of agriculture and stock-raising, showing an interest and a proficiency that gave promise of a successful career as a farmer. By industry and economy he acquired a small capital while continuing at home and at twenty-two years of age he purchased eighty acres of land of his father in Grant township and later added two tracts of eighty acres each, making one of the valuable farms of the township, which he improved by the erection of modern buildings

and fences, the tiling of his land and the purchase of modern conveniences, making this property thoroughly up-to-date and highly desirable for all farming purposes. He has devoted special attention to the rearing and fattening of hogs and by attention to breeding and care of these animals he has attained gratifying results, receiving good prices and being in the market each year with a grade of hogs that commands a ready sale. It will be seen that Mr. Clouse is one of the substantial farmers of this region.

On December 27, 1883, Mr. Clouse was united in marriage to Miss Tressie J. Ransom, who was born in Marion county, Indiana, April 16, 1865, and is a daughter of John C. and Permilia H. (Wakeland) Ransom, the father a native of West Virginia and the mother of Indiana. Mr. Ransom came to Vermilion county in 1881 and for a number of years was one of its flourishing farmers, but later removed to Hoopeston, where he was called away in 1905. Mrs. Ransom is still living and makes her home with our subject and his wife, the latter of whom is one of the eight children born to her parents and seven of them are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Clouse have two daughters: Daisy Ellen, who was born July 8, 1886, and was educated at the high school and also in music; and Lucia Helen, who was born August 27, 1895, and is now in her second year in the high school.

The family are actively identified with the Baptist church, of which Mr. Clouse served as trustee for seven years. He is greatly interested in Sunday school work and for thirteen years has been superintendent of the Sunday school of this church. Politically Mr. Clouse is in hearty sympathy with the prohibition party, believing that its principles are of great importance in protecting the young from the evils of the saloon. He has at various times been called upon to serve in a public capacity and has acceptably filled the offices of school director and road overseer. In all the relations of life, public or private, Mr. Clouse has attempted to apply the principles of the golden rule and in doing so has received the reward which comes only to those who strive daily to do their duty. He is happy as the head of a family and happy in his business, being recognized as an upright and useful man, who is devoted not only to his own interest but also always evinces the liveliest interest in the advancement of others.

WILLIAM H. SCHWARTZ.

A life actuated by honorable purposes and high ideals has gained for William H. Schwartz the enviable position which he occupies in the regard of his fellow townsmen. He has largely devoted his years to those projects which make the world better and brighter and he is now a factor in the commercial development of Hoopeston as the secretary of the Hoopeston Carriage Company.

He was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 11th of January, 1850, a son of John H. and Catherine (Wyant) Schwartz. The father, who died in 1885, was of German descent, representing a family that was established on American soil at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The mother came of English lineage and was descended from the Oldenbergs who settled in Pennsylvania, where

Mrs. Schwartz met her future husband, who was then a young man employed in Philadelphia as a hatter. He had learned his trade with his wife's uncle, to whom he was apprenticed.

William H. Schwartz was educated in the district schools of Butler township, Vermilion county, Illinois, having accompanied his parents on their removal westward to this county in October, 1856. Here he was reared and gave much attention to the acquirement of an education until twenty-two years of age. After leaving school he rented his father's farm of two hundred acres, there carrying on general agricultural pursuits to the age of thirty-three years. At his father's death he repurchased the interests of the other heirs in eighty acres of the old home place, where the town of Riley is now situated, and later bought eighty acres more. While engaged in farming, his leisure hours were devoted to the study of theology and in 1879 he was licensed as a local preacher and in 1883 entered the ministry, to which he devoted eighteen years. He is still a member of the Illinois conference. He was for nine years in the Champaign district, eight years in the Danville district and one year in the Jacksonville district as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church but on account of throat trouble was obliged to give up his work. In the church he had proved a potent force, his earnest efforts, his eloquence and his logical utterances proving a strong element in the moral advancement of the different localities where he preached. When forced by physical reasons to leave the ministry he again took up farming in Vermilion county and followed that pursuit successfully until January, 1906, when he removed from the farm to Hoopeston and purchased an interest in the Thornton Buggy Company, which is now the Hoopeston Carriage Company. During the first three years he was president of the company and upon its reorganization under the present name he became its secretary. In this connection he takes active part in the management of the business, which, carefully controlled, results in the attainment of success. The trade of the house now covers a large territory, shipments being made to various points in the country, while an average of twenty skilled workmen are employed in the actual work of the factory.

Mr. Schwartz was married in Butler township, this county, on the 30th of June, 1872, to Miss Martha E. Bales, the oldest daughter of Caleb T. Bales, a native of Tennessee and an early resident of Butler township, where he devoted his attention to farming. Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz have become the parents of four children. Esther Catherine, a native of Butler township, is the wife of F. H. Sherfy, a resident of Waller, Texas; Grace E., born in Butler township, is the wife of J. B. Walbridge, one of the leading attorneys of Hoopeston; Elizabeth E., born in Butler township, is the wife of D. H. Schiveler, who is a traveling machinist with the Sprague Company of Hoopeston, now residing in Baltimore, Maryland; Leora Z., born in Homer, Illinois, is now a pupil in the Hoopeston schools.

Mr. Schwartz exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. He is a believer in prohibition principles and has always been a worker for the cause of temperance. For three years he served as tax collector of Butler township but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He is now one of the trustees of Lakeview Hospital at Dan-

ville and is interested in all the projects and measures which work for humanity and for the upbuilding and benefit of the city. He belongs to the Retail Merchants & Business Men's Association, to the Masonic fraternity, to the Court of Honor and the American Home Circle. Wherever known he is held in high regard and his stanchest friends are those who have known him longest. His name in support of any measure carries weight and influence, as it is recognized that his allegiance is only given to those measures and movements wherein the welfare and best interests of the community are involved.

CHARLES AUSTIN MARTINIE.

Charles Austin Martinie, a well known representative of the farming interests of Sidell township, who applies to the duties that devolve upon him in connection with the development of his land the liberal education which he has acquired and which makes his labors therefore more effective and far-reaching, is a native of the town of Palermo, Edgar county, Illinois, born June 6, 1878.

His parents were Charles W. and Mary M. (Marshall) Martinie, natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania respectively. The father was brought to Illinois when about twelve years of age and was reared in this state. He was educated for the medical profession, his literary studies being pursued in what is now Purdue University, then known as Battle Ground College of Indiana, after which he entered Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio, and was graduated with the class of 1871. He then came to Edgar county, Illinois, where he married, establishing his home in Palermo. He there practiced his profession for twenty-five years with good success, after which he removed with his family to Lincoln, where he continued in active practice for four years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Urbana, Illinois, where he has since been actively engaged in following his chosen calling. Reading and investigation have constantly broadened his knowledge and experience has added to his efficiency. He has long been regarded as a very capable and successful practitioner and has also become an extensive landowner, for he has made judicious investments in real estate, his holdings now embracing eight hundred and forty acres in Vermilion county and nine hundred and twenty acres in Jefferson county, Illinois. His home, one of the most beautiful residences in Urbana, was erected at a cost of twelve thousand dollars and he has other valuable town properties. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and for many years he and his wife were active members of the Presbyterian church, always lending their aid and influence on the side of righteousness, truth and progress. Mrs. Martinie, who was born November 5, 1847, was called to her final home February 24, 1910, and her death was deeply deplored by many friends as well as her immediate family. Dr. Martinie was born on the 7th of November, 1847, so that he has now reached the age of sixty-three years. His has been an active and well spent life crowned not only with material success but also with the honor and respect of his fellowmen.

Charles A. Martinie spent his youthful days in his parents' home and the public schools of Edgar county afforded him his educational privileges until he had attained his fourteenth year. He afterward entered Lincoln University at Lincoln, Illinois, where he pursued his studies for four years and later specialized in literature and art in the State University for three years. During this period he also gave considerable attention to the study of music in which he has marked talent. For a number of years he served as a director in various bands and orchestras. During the following years he played in such places as Manitou and Colorado Springs, Colorado, at Waukesha, Wisconsin, and at Sailor Springs, Illinois, his ability winning him wide recognition in musical circles.

In 1904 Mr. Martinie was united in marriage to Miss Grace Judd of Mount Vernon, a daughter of Charles H. Judd, a prominent retired farmer of that city, who is now deceased. Following his marriage Mr. Martinie located in Urbana and in the subsequent year had charge of his father's landed interests. In 1905 he came to the Vermilion county farm which he has since operated. However, he spends only the summer months here, the winter seasons being passed in Urbana, a tenant looking after his live stock during the cold months. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Martinie have been born two children, Mary Elizabeth and Ray Emerson. Mrs. Martinie pursued her more specifically literary education in Jefferson county, in Ewing College and in Delaware College of Delaware, Ohio. She was then graduated in music at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and later completed her literary education in Monticello Seminary at Godfrey, Illinois. She also studied music under A. G. Rodyn, a noted composer of St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Martinie is a supporter of the democratic party and a member of Sidell Lodge, No. 476, K. P. The musical talent of himself and wife constitutes a most attractive feature of their home which is the abode of hospitality ever cordially extended to their many friends. Mr. Martinie is one of the well informed and progressive men of Sidell township, active and enterprising in business and his intelligently directed effort is making the property of which he has control a valuable and productive one.

H. ERNEST HUTTON.

H. Ernest Hutton, engaged in the practice of law as a member of the firm of Clark & Hutton, in which connection he enjoys an extensive and important clientage, was born in Kentland, Indiana, on the 9th of May, 1878. His father, J. H. Hutton, was a native of Ohio, while his mother, who bore the maiden name of Phoebe J. Rawlings, was born in Indiana. After living for a number of years in the latter state, J. H. Hutton removed with his family to Hoopeston, Illinois, in 1885. He was a dentist and practiced his profession until 1906, when he retired from that field of labor and is now engaged in the manufacture of concrete tiles in Hoopeston, where he is conducting a successful and growing business.

H. Ernest Hutton was a lad of seven years when his parents removed to Hoopeston and in the public schools of that city he began his education, his course there being supplemented by six years' study in the University of Indiana. He was graduated from the literary department of that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and from the law department in 1904. He entered upon active practice well equipped for the profession. Admitted to the bar, he at once opened an office, and along with those qualities indispensable to the lawyer—a keen, rapid, logical mind plus the business sense and a ready capacity for hard work—he brought to the starting point of his legal career a strong personality, an earnest, dignified manner, marked strength of character, a thorough grasp of the law and the ability to accurately apply its principles. He commenced practice in the fall of 1904 with John M. Keeslar, with whom he was associated for four years. In 1905 he became public administrator and in January, 1910, entered into his present partnership relations with the Hon. S. Murray Clark, a distinguished representative of the Danville bar. In the six years of his practice he has made steady progress and his effectiveness as an advocate and his wisdom as a counselor bespeak for him further prominence in connection with the legal profession.

In August, 1909, Mr. Hutton was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle A. Jackson, a native of Danville and a daughter of John T. Jackson. He belongs to the Phi Delta Theta, a college fraternity, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. His support of any measure or movement is never half-hearted nor his position an equivocal one, and therefore his cooperation constitutes a valued feature in furthering the interests of any public project.

WILLIAM JEFFERSON KELLOGG.

Industrial activities in Hoopeston find a worthy representative in William Jefferson Kellogg, engaged in the lumber business and in the operation of a planing mill. He is connected in these interests with H. E. Vines and the firm is recognized as one of the strong business combinations of the city. Their operations are conducted along progressive lines and no difficulties are allowed to remain as a bar to their path if they can be overcome by persistent effort and ceaseless activity.

A native of Fountain county, Indiana, Mr. Kellogg was born June 2, 1868, a son of Joseph and Martha Ellen (Nicoson) Kellogg. The father, of German lineage, was a contractor and builder but at the time of the Civil war put aside all business and personal considerations and stanchly defended the Union cause at the front. He afterward removed to Vermilion county, Illinois, but both he and his wife are now deceased. The latter came of a family that for many generations has been represented on American soil, the ancestry presumably being English.

William Jefferson Kellogg pursued his education in the common schools of Fountain county, Indiana, which he attended to the age of seventeen years.

and then undertook the task of providing for his own support. His taste and natural tendencies were toward industrial interests and he learned the carpenter's trade under the direction of his father, after which he worked as a journeyman for about fifteen years. He then began contracting and, meeting with success in that undertaking, was thus engaged until 1907, when, in connection with H. E. Vines, he purchased the business of the Hoopeston Lumber, Coal & Planing Mill Company. Business has since been continued under the name of the Hoopeston Planing Mill Company and during their ownership they have made many improvements, remodeling the buildings and also the general equipment of their plant. Their business activities extend to several of the neighboring states and they employ on an average of about a dozen skilled workmen. They have greatly improved their output since assuming control of the planing mill and their patronage is now extensive and profitable. Mr. Kellogg is intensely practical in all that he undertakes and the careful consideration which he gives to every phase of the subject before he definitely forms his plans has been one of the features in his success.

On the 27th of September, 1899, in Hoopeston, Mr. Kellogg was united in marriage to Miss Mary Evelyn Faurote, a native of Fountain county, Indiana. Three children have been born unto them, Ronald Earl, Doris Edna and Caroline Ellen, all being natives of Hoopeston.

The parents are members of the Christian church, in which Mr. Kellogg is serving as a deacon and is also financial secretary of the building fund. They are both actively interested in the work of the church and their labors constitute a potent force in its upbuilding and the extension of its influence. In his political views Mr. Kellogg is a republican and while an active worker in the ranks of the party is not an office seeker. He belongs to the Business Men's Club of Hoopeston and is laboring effectively for the commercial and industrial development of the city in which he has made his home for twenty-seven years and in which high regard is tendered him by reason of his business enterprise and integrity and his sterling personal worth.

PERRY OLSON.

Coming to the new world empty handed when a youth of scarcely nineteen, Perry Olson has since worked his way steadily upward by dint of untiring perseverance and indomitable energy until he is now numbered among the most prosperous and respected citizens of his community, being the owner of six hundred and forty-two acres of valuable land within the borders of Vermilion county. Since 1907 he has made his home in Grant township, having there purchased a farm of three hundred and twenty acres. His birth occurred in the southern part of Sweden on the 25th of October, 1864, his parents being Ola and Lena Olson, who still reside in that country. Their children were seven in number, namely: Anna, Nels and Ola, all yet living in Sweden; Perry, of this review; Swan, who likewise makes his home in Sweden; Carl, who is deceased; and Andrew.

Perry Olson spent the first eighteen years of his life in his native land, obtaining a good practical education in the common schools. In the spring of 1883, wishing to test the truth of the many favorable reports which he had heard concerning the opportunities of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and came direct to Vermilion county, Illinois. Securing employment as a farm land, he was thus busily engaged for five years, on the expiration of which period he rented a tract of land in Butler township, devoting his attention to its cultivation for several years. When he had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to purchase a farm of his own, he came into possession of three hundred and twenty acres on sections 25 and 26, Butler township, continuing to reside thereon until 1907. In that year he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land in Grant township, where he has made his home to the present time. In the conduct of his farming interests he has followed the most modern methods of agriculture and his well directed labors have been annually rewarded by bounteous harvests. His land holdings now embrace six hundred and forty-two acres and his success is all the more creditable by reason of the fact that it is attributable entirely to his own efforts, for his cash capital at the time of his arrival in this country was but twenty-five cents.

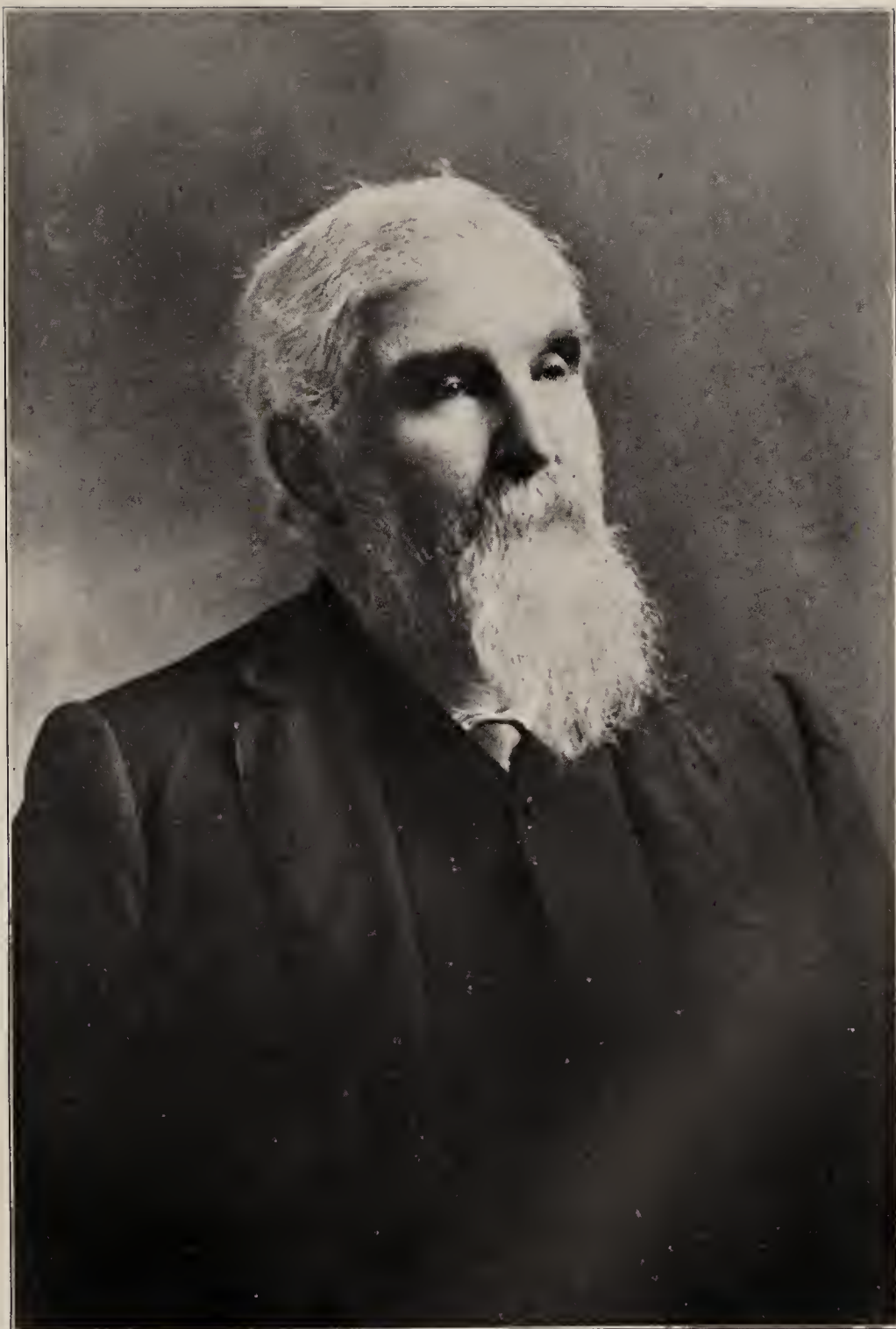
In 1888 Mr. Olson was united in marriage to Miss Gussie Lindall, a native of Sweden, in which country her parents spent their entire lives. Our subject and his wife now have three children: George W., Laura A. and Elmer W.

Mr. Olson is a stanch republican in politics and holds the office of township commissioner, now serving for the second year. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and exemplify its teachings in their daily lives. He is a man who has made the most of each opportunity but also one who has not swerved from the principles of upright manhood.

JOHN W. DIEHL.

John W. Diehl had a wide acquaintance in Hoopeston and throughout this part of the county and all recognized in him a man of substantial character, straightforward in his acts, honorable in his purposes. His sterling qualities won him high and lasting regard and a feeling of deep and sincere regret spread throughout the community when it was learned that on the 31st of January, 1909, John W. Diehl has passed on to "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

In the midst of the foothills of a mountain range in Pennsylvania, picturesquely nestles the little city of Gettysburg, and it was about seven miles from that city that John W. Diehl was born on the 8th of January, 1843, his parents being Samuel and Catherine (Brame) Diehl, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state and of German descent. The father devoted his life to farming until his labors were ended in death about 1865. His wife survived him for six or seven years. Their family included a daughter, Ellen, now the wife of William Sadler of Pennsylvania.



JOHN W. DIEHL



Their son, John W. Diehl, was a pupil in the subscription schools near his father's home through the period of boyhood. He was reared to the age of twenty-one upon the old homestead and about that time there occurred an event which left an indelible impress upon his mind—the battle of Gettysburg. The recollections of the battle remained undimmed in his memory to the time of his demise. The conflict waged back and forth over the field, at times the Union troops advancing and again the Confederate troops, until at length the former succeeded in holding Little Round Top and the surrounding district and the victory was won. At the time of the battle there came an order from the government that the settlers should remove all their stock and effects across the Susquehanna or the government would not be amenable for any losses. The Diehls followed this order and after the engagement John W. Diehl and his brother returned to the home farm, the father having died in the meantime.

John W. Diehl continued to engage in general farming in Pennsylvania until 1869, when he went to Iowa, there spending a portion of the summer. He afterward located in Indiana, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for a year. With the establishment of Hoopeston he removed to the little town in 1872 and became a member of the grocery firm of Miller Brothers Company, to which he devoted his attention for two years. He then sold his interest in that store and for a time engaged in teaming, while later he conducted a livery business for six years. On the expiration of that period he traded his livery stock for a part of his farm of seventy-eight acres, of which thirty acres more within the city limits of Hoopeston. At a later date fifteen acres of this tract was platted and subdivided and now constitutes a part of Diehl's subdivision. In 1881 he turned his attention to farming and fruit-raising, having a large vineyard and cultivating various kinds of fruit in addition to grapes. During his later years, however, he practically left his property to the care of his son, while he enjoyed a rest that was the fitting crown of his former years of labor.

On the 14th of December, 1876, in Hoopeston, Mr. Diehl was united in marriage to Mary Robinson-Hastings, a daughter of James A. and Susan Robinson, nee McCurdy. Her father was a farmer in Ohio until he came to Vermilion county in 1859, casting in his lot with the early settlers of this portion of the state. Here he also gave his attention to the tilling of the soil and his labors brought him substantial returns. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were born three sons and three daughters, Robert, William, Edward, Sallie, Jane and Mary. Of these Sallie is now the widow of S. Thurman, and Jane is the wife of Ed Cory, of Hoopeston. Mr. and Mrs. Diehl became the parents of two children but lost one son, George, at the age of seven years. The surviving son, Charles, a prominent and well known farmer of Vermilion county, married Miss Emma Rice, of Hoopeston, and has one child, Gladys M.

Politically Mr. Diehl was a republican and while never a politician in the usually accepted sense, he served for two years as street commissioner. His was a well spent life, and he became prominent and well known in this county, where his many substantial qualities won him high and lasting regard. He died January 31, 1909, after living for forty years in this part of the state. He witnessed many changes during that period and through his business act-

ivities bore his full share in the work of general progress and improvement. He did not seek to figure prominently in public life but performed his daily duties faithfully and efficiently, was considerate of the rights of others and never neglected his obligations to his fellowmen or to the community in which he lived.

JAMES GIBBONS.

The world instinctively bows to the self-made man—the man who has won, notwithstanding lack of early school training, who in many instances did not even possess the advantages of a parental home and yet by a steady persistence that no difficulty could discourage forged ahead and at last gained financial independence. Sometimes it is a long road and often the weary traveler drops by the wayside, but it was not so with James Gibbons, whose name introduces this review. He comes of Celtic ancestry and however dark the day he never forgot that the sun is always shining somewhere and he now bears one of the honored names of Vermilion county.

He was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1852, and is a son of John and Margaret (Lynch) Gibbons. The parents were both natives of the Emerald isle and died in the state of Pennsylvania. The subject of this review was their only son and, the father having departed this life before the son was born and the mother marrying the second time, at eight years of age he was bound out to a stranger under whose charge he continued for eight years. At sixteen, having had advantage of education at the common schools and having developed a strong constitution and become thoroughly familiar with hard labor, he began for himself and worked by the month for three years. He had now arrived at the age of nineteen, and, being ambitious to advance in life, he came west and located in La Salle county, Illinois, working as a farm hand for five years. By diligence and a great deal of self-denial he acquired a small capital and for twelve years operated a farm upon a rental basis, at the end of which time he came to Vermilion county and in 1888 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 8, Grant township, where he made many improvements and acquired a first class reputation among his farming brethren. As years passed he increased his property until at the present time his farm embraces three hundred acres, all of which is under a high state of cultivation. As a breeder of heavy draft horses he has attained an enviable reputation and horses bred under his supervision are quickly disposed of at the highest price that the market affords.

In 1879 Mr. Gibbons was united in marriage to Miss Anna Frances Clements, a native of Christian county, Illinois, and a daughter of Hugh and Sarah (Bowlby) Clements. Mr. Clements was born in Kentucky and his wife in Ohio. The family moved to La Salle county at an early date but the father is now living in Vermilion county, his beloved companion having been called away in July, 1895. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clements, seven of whom are now living. Two children have blessed the household of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons: Essie N., the wife of Charles Wood, of Grant township; and Earl E., at home.

Mrs. Gibbons is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in her home is an exemplification of those teachings which are synonymous with peace and harmony. Mr. Gibbons appreciates the advantages of education and as member of the school board has been instrumental in promoting the educational interests of the district by securing the best teachers available for the school. Politically he is allied with the democracy, of which he is an earnest advocate, believing that the principles of the democratic party best subserve the welfare of the nation. As a patriotic citizen he keeps well informed on national and local affairs and his constant aim while advancing his own interest is also to promote to the extent of his ability the general welfare of the community.

WILLIAM J. ALEXANDER.

William J. Alexander, whose operations in real estate have been most advantageous, constituting the source of his splendid success, belongs to that class of men to whom difficulties and obstacles serve but as an impetus to renewed and persistent effort. His sterling qualities of perseverance, determination and energy have formed the foundation upon which he has built his prosperity and the methods he has pursued in business have gained for him the honor and respect of his fellowmen. He was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, on the 11th of February, 1833, and is a son of James and Letitia (Marshal) Alexander, both of whom died on the Emerald isle—their native land.

The youthful days of their son William were there passed and in the common schools he acquired a limited education. Reading, observation and experience have since greatly broadened his knowledge, making him a well informed man. About the time he attained his majority the call of the new world seemed to him irresistible and in 1854 or 1855 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States. From the eastern coast he gradually made his way westward to Peoria county, Illinois, where he remained for about six months, at the end of which time he went to Jacksonville, Illinois, where he had an uncle living. Entering the employ of this uncle, Mr. Alexander worked for him for several years, acquainting himself with the essential features of success in the work of farming and raising cattle. Ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he wisely saved his earnings until his industry and careful expenditure had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land in Mason county, this investment being made about 1865 or 1866. A few years later he bought three hundred and twenty acres of land in Logan county, west of Lincoln, and from time to time he further added to his holdings. While living in Mason county he and his brother-in-law, Mr. Cathcart, secured a large tract of land on a five years' lease, made many excellent improvements thereon and developed and farmed the place. They also released portions of the tract to others and thus prospered.

In 1872 William J. Alexander purchased a section and a half of land on the Broadland tract in Champaign county, removing to that place in 1873. He there resided until 1905, during which period he purchased four hundred and

eighty acres additional. All of this property he still owns with the exception of one hundred and sixty acres, so that his holdings in Illinois land comprise more than twelve hundred acres. In 1896 he went to Iowa and purchased over a section of land in Page and Fremont counties, all of which he has since sold. About 1902 he went to the Alberta country of Canada where he purchased eighteen sections of land, all of which he has since disposed of to advantage. For years he has engaged extensively in feeding cattle and this branch of his business is likewise proving profitable. In addition to his other interests he owns over two sections of land in Marion county, Ohio, and his farm property now aggregates about twenty-four hundred acres in Illinois, Iowa and Ohio. He has been very successful as a cattle feeder and land speculator, his judgment in business matters being at all times sound and reliable and his discrimination keen.

In 1905 Mr. Alexander was married to Miss Hattie Kyle of Ontario, Canada, and they have an extensive circle of warm friends in Sidell and throughout Vermilion county. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his religious faith is manifest in his membership in the Christian church. His life has been one of continuous activity in which has been accorded due recognition of labor and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of this county. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of this section of the state and at all times he is ready to lend his aid and cooperation to any movement calculated to benefit this section or advance its wonderful development.

THOMAS JOHNSON.

Thomas Johnson, deceased, was born in Ohio, on the 15th of April, 1811, and in early life removed to Warren county, Indiana, where he grew to manhood and was married on the 9th of April, 1835, to Miss Deborah King. They located upon a farm in that county, where he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life, meeting with marked success in his undertakings. He became the owner of large tracts of land and at his death, which occurred in 1853, he was the wealthiest man in Warren county, Indiana, owning more than two thousand acres of land in that state and nearly as much in Illinois. He dealt extensively in cattle and was said to be the best judge of stock in Indiana. Noted for his charity, the poor and needy always found in him a friend and he helped many in gaining a start in life.

Mrs. Johnson was born October 13, 1815, and could well remember when as a child of three years she rode behind her father on horseback all through this section of the country when he came here from Kentucky on a prospecting tour. After the death of her husband she came to Danville, which city continued to be her home until she, too, passed away on the 23d of September, 1901. In the '80s she was again married, her second union being with William Bandy, who was one of the active business men of this city, his attention being devoted principally to real estate and the loaning of her money to advantage.

He was a man of good business ability and sound judgment and met with excellent success in his ventures here. His death occurred February 10, 1894. An earnest and consistent Christian woman, Mrs. Bandy took a very active part in church work and gave most of her money toward the erection of two churches in Danville and to keeping them out of debt. She was always very charitable and liberal and was widely known for her many acts of kindness and deeds of mercy.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were as follows: Susanna, who married Archibald Johnson and became the mother of two children, Edwill J. and Joanna Cowan; Elizabeth, who wedded Louis B. Stafford, now deceased; Mary Esther, who became the wife of George W. Scovey, but both are now deceased, although their son, J. K. Scovey, is still living; James King Johnson, who died at the age of twenty years; and Amanda B., the widow of John Strain, whose sketch appears below.

JOHN STRAIN.

John Strain, deceased, was a native of Marshfield, Warren county, Indiana, born April 10, 1827, and throughout his active business life engaged in the cattle business, buying and selling on quite an extensive scale. He prospered in his undertakings and became one of the well-to-do and influential citizens of his community, but prior to his death laid aside all business cares and was living retired when he passed away on the 16th of August, 1907. Politically he affiliated with the republican party and as a public-spirited citizen took a commendable interest in public affairs. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian and his life was such as to gain for him the friendship and high regard of all with whom he had any dealings.

In 1865 Mr. Strain was united in marriage to Miss Amanda B. Johnson, and they became the parents of two children, namely: Carrie Bell, who was born April 13, 1866, and is now deceased; and John C., who was born October 16, 1869, and died leaving a widow and one child, Ruth Strain. Before the death of her mother Mrs. Strain came to Danville and here she has made her home since. Like her parents she, too, was very active in charitable work and is a lovable Christian woman, whose friendship is cherished by a large circle of acquaintances.

HENRY BOYD.

Henry Boyd, one of the progressive and successful agriculturists of Sidell township, has here operated a farm of two hundred and forty acres for the past seventeen years. His birth occurred in Mount Hope, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on the 17th of November, 1852, his parents being William and Susan (Brownsberger) Boyd, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. John Boyd, the paternal grandfather, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and

emigrated to the United States in 1809, landing in New York on the 10th of May of that year. The remainder of his life was spent in Lancaster and York counties, Pennsylvania. William Boyd, the father of our subject, was for many years employed as manager by two men operating a large farm and a charcoal furnace. Both he and his wife passed away in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania.

Henry Boyd was reared under the parental roof, spending his youthful years in Lancaster and Lebanon counties. In 1874 he came west to Illinois, taking up his abode near Paris in Edgar county, where he lived for nineteen years. He worked as a farm hand during the first two years of his residence in this state and then started out as an agriculturist on his own account by renting a tract of land. In 1893 he came to Vermilion county and rented one of the Cathcart farms—a tract of land comprising two hundred and forty acres, which he has operated continuously for the past seventeen years. His careful supervision is manifest in the neat appearance of the place, and the well tilled fields annually yield bounteous harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

On the 29th of August, 1875, Mr. Boyd was united in marriage to Miss Susan C. Jordan, of Edgar county, Illinois, by whom he had two children, namely: Ellen, who is deceased; and Emma Ethel, the wife of L. L. Cundiff, of Vermilion county.

In politics Mr. Boyd is a republican and for several years he served as a school director. Fraternally he is identified with Sidell Camp, No. 408, M. W. A. His good qualities, and they are many, have strongly endeared him to those with whom he has been associated and wherever he is known he is popular with a large circle of friends.

JOSIAH JONES.

Josiah Jones, who has been a resident of Vermilion county for a third of a century, has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and fifty-seven acres in Grant township. His birth occurred in West Virginia on the 28th of December, 1841, his parents being Isaac H. and Sarah (Brown) Jones, who were likewise natives of that state. The father's demise occurred in New York, while the mother passed away in Virginia. Unto them were born ten children, five of whom yet survive, namely: Mary J., the wife of Charles Johnston, of Seneca county, New York; Hannah, who resides in Berkeley, California; Cynthia A., living in Pennsylvania; Josiah, of this review; and Alford, who makes his home in West Virginia.

Josiah Jones attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and subsequently followed the profession of teaching for one year. He remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age and then began working as a farm hand. Coming to Illinois, he lived in Peoria county for two years, on the expiration of which period he purchased a farm in McLean county,

there continuing to reside for five years. At the end of that time he disposed of the property and returned to Peoria county, where he was actively engaged in the operation of a rented farm for several years. In 1877 he came to Vermilion county and purchased the farm whereon he has resided continuously since. The property comprises one hundred and fifty-seven acres in Grant township and as the years have gone by he has placed many substantial improvements thereon. In connection with the tilling of the soil he made a specialty of raising hogs, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income.

In March 1872, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Yates, who was born in Ohio county, West Virginia, in 1844, her parents being Adam and Sarah W. (Miller) Yates, natives of Virginia. They removed to Peoria county, Illinois, in 1849 and there spent the remainder of their lives. Their children were thirteen in number and five are still living. Mrs. Jones was engaged in teaching school prior to her marriage. She is now the mother of four children, as follows: Adam L., a professor in Columbia University of New York city; Sarah G., who completed her education at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and is now a teacher of English in the State Normal School of Wisconsin; Alford, a civil engineer of Galveston, Texas; and Mabel M., who completed her studies at Beloit, Wisconsin, and now teaches in the Sullivan high school of Indiana.

In politics Mr. Jones is a democrat, supporting the men and measures of that party by his ballot. He has served on the school board for twenty-one years and now acts in the capacity of school trustee. Both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church and their lives are in consistent harmony with its teachings. His business interests have been carefully conducted, his duties of citizenship capably performed and at all times he has been true to the obligations and responsibilities that have devolved upon him in every relation of life, making him one of the worthy and much respected residents of his community.

S. F. SCHECTER.

S. F. Schecter, for seven years a practitioner at the bar of Danville, has in his professional career set at naught the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country for he is a native of the county in which he has already established himself in an enviable position as a rising young lawyer to whom the future holds out bright promises of success. He was born on the 3d of May, 1868, a son of Joshua and Mary J. (Swank) Schecter, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Vermilion county. About 1856 Joshua Schecter came to this county and settled in what was then Carroll township, following the occupation of farming and thus promoting the agricultural development of the community. Here he wedded Miss Swank, a granddaughter of Richard Swank, Sr., who came to this county in pioneer times, entering land from the government on section 2, Elwood township. This was in 1824—eight years before the

Black Hawk war occurred. Few settlements had at the time been made in the northern part of the state and there was little indication that Illinois would become the great and mighty commonwealth of the present. The father, David Swank, also followed farming in the same township until 1878, when he removed to Missouri, where his remaining days were passed.

It will thus be seen that S. F. Schecter in both the paternal and maternal line is a representative of pioneer families of this county his forebears taking an active and helpful part in the development and progress of this portion of the state. The public schools of the county afforded him his early educational privileges and after determining upon the practice of law as his life work he began studying in the office and under the direction of the firm of Mabin & Clark. His mastery of the principles of jurisprudence enabled him to successfully pass the required examination for admission to the bar in December, 1903, after which he was with G. G. Mabin until October, 1904, since which time he has maintained an office independently in the Daniel building. His course has been marked by steady progress and a large and distinctively representative clientage is now his, connecting him with much important litigation heard in the courts. In his presentation of a cause before judge or jury, he is clear and felicitous in expression, strong in argument and logical in his deductions, and he has thus won many verdicts favorable to his clients.

In September, 1892, Mr. Schecter was united in marriage, in Bloomingdale, Indiana, to Miss Ellen Mendenhall, whose father, Ira Mendenhall, leaving North Carolina in the slavery days, removed to Indiana, where he married Eunice Newlon. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Schecter have been born two children, Ralph W. and Ruth.

Mr. Schecter is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and other fraternal and social organizations which find in him an exemplary representative, ever loyal to their basic principles. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and while he has never been an office seeker he is deeply interested in the party principles and is ever ready to support his position by intelligent but unaggressive argument.

WILLIAM G. HALBERT.

A life of unremitting toil for many years has at last brought William G. Halbert to a position where he can enjoy a well earned and well merited rest and the comforts that go to make life worth the living. He was born April 30, 1851, in Kilbirney, Scotland, and as the years passed his well directed labors secured his advancement until he became a successful mine owner and operator. His parents were John and Jeanette (Greenless) Halbert, the former a son of William and Mary (Gardner) Halbert, while the latter was a daughter of Joseph and Alice (McIntyre) Greenless. William Halbert was a cotton spinner and also gained considerable reputation as an actor. He and his wife never left their native land. Their son, John Halbert, also became a cotton spinner and



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later foreman of the mills. He always worked at that business and was thus actively engaged up to the time of his death, which occurred when he had reached the age of seventy-four years. In his family were seven children, of whom one daughter is now deceased. Two of the sons and three of the daughters are residents of America.

William G. Halbert, the eldest child of the family, acquired his early education in Scotland and afterward attended the public schools of Athens county, Ohio. He came as a young man to the new world and has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek his fortune on this side of the Atlantic, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and through their utilization has made steady progress. He was first employed in the cotton mills and also worked in the blast furnaces. For three years he followed the sea on a steamship, after which he located in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and for one year was employed at Irwin, that state. He afterward went to Hubbard, Ohio, and subsequently to Nelsonville, Ohio, where he continued for twenty-four years in connection with the development of mining interests in that state. From a humble position he gradually worked his way upward to one of prominence and for some time served as mine superintendent. Recognizing the excellent field offered in that business, he began developing coal mines on his own account, the most important property being "Lost Run" mine, of which he was part owner and general manager. He afterward went to Colorado to install mining machinery at Chandler creek near Canon City. He then returned and took charge of an electric plant at Nelsonville, Ohio. There he remained until 1895, when he came to Vermilion county, Illinois, to develop the mining property of the Westville Coal Company, of which he was general superintendent up to the time he went with the Deering Coal Company as district manager in 1905. At that time the Deering Coal Company was formed and took over the property of the Westville Coal Company. He was with that corporation as district manager until 1908 and subsequently owned a controlling interest in the Danville Colliers Coal Company. In December, 1909, he sold out and is now living retired. In the intervening years he had come to understand fully every phase of the mining business, superintending the operation of the fields and the placing of the product upon the market, and in the management of his business affairs he met with excellent success.

On Christmas day, 1872, Mr. Halbert was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Bennett, a daughter of James and Priscilla (Lukins) Bennett, both of whom were natives of Baltimore county, Maryland, whence they removed to Athens county, Ohio, in 1859. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Halbert have been born six children. The eldest, J. A. Halbert, now superintendent of the Bunson Coal Company, married Miss Maud Pleischner and has five children: Robert, William, Morton, Dickson and Helen. Walter S., who is a mine manager at Westville, Illinois, married Elizabeth Murphy and has three children: Donald, Zilda and William. Frances is the wife of George Puzey, a native of Vermilion county and a farmer of Catlin township, by whom she has four children: Rebecca, Richard, Robert and Russell. William is now in school. Helen died in Westville at the age of twenty years, and Mary died in infancy while the family were residing in Nelsonville, Ohio.

The family are all active members of the Presbyterian church, holding firmly to its faith and teachings. Mr. Halbert belongs to the Masonic fraternity, having taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter and commandery, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Medina Temple of Chicago he crossed the sands of the desert. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he served as postmaster at Bretland, Ohio, under Grover Cleveland. As the years have gone by he has made steady progress along business lines, and his enterprise and energy are salient features in his success. He has never faltered in the pursuit of a persistent purpose and has, therefore, gained a most satisfactory reward, permitting now of honorable retirement from labor and the enjoyment of those comforts which make life worth the living.

HARLAND E. VINES.

The field of business is a limitless one; its prizes are many and are accorded in recognition of unfaltering perseverance and intelligently directed effort. Devoting his life to industrial interests, Harland E. Vines by close application and unfaltering energy has reached a prominent position in business circles as one of the proprietors of the Hoopeston Planing Mills. He was born in Benton county, Indiana, June 11, 1871, a son of Jacob and Calista (Johnson) Vines, both of whom were of English descent. The father was born in Devonshire, England, and came to the United States in the early '60s, first settling in Illinois, while later he removed to Indiana. He was married in Canada to Miss Calista Johnson, a native of that country, who died in March, 1881. The father, however, is still living, his home being now in Benton county, Indiana.

In his youthful days Harland E. Vines attended the public schools of Talbot, Indiana, pursuing his studies to the age of nineteen years. He afterward worked upon his father's farm until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he decided to abandon agricultural pursuits and learn a trade. In 1892, therefore, he came to Hoopeston and with his present partner, W. J. Kellogg, learned the carpenter's trade and worked with him as a journeyman and also as a contractor for seven years, during which period they were closely connected with the building operations of the city, being accorded an extensive patronage that brought to them substantial success. Later they purchased the Hoopeston Planing Mills, which they are now conducting. They are carrying on a large business in this connection and the enterprise is one of the leading productive industries of the city. They carefully safeguard its interests by wise management and a watchful indication of the trade conditions and their success has resulted also from close application and honorable dealing.

On the 27th of September, 1899, in Hoopeston, Mr. Vines was married to Miss Gertrude F. Faurote, a native of Fayette county, Indiana, and a sister of Mrs. Kellogg, the wife of his partner. Mr. and Mrs. Vines have become the parents of three sons: Harold L., born in Hoopeston, January 19, 1902; Lester F., May 26, 1905; and Everette Keith, November 19, 1907. All three were born in Hoopeston.

The parents are devoted members of the Christian church, of which Mr. Vines is a trustee. He is also a member of the Commercial Club of Hoopeston and the Modern Woodmen camp, while his political endorsement is given to the republican party. Mr. Vines is yet comparatively a young man. In his life he has made wise use of his time, talents and opportunities and realizing that success is not a matter of genius, as held by some, but is the outcome of clear judgment, experience and industry, he has so labored that his success has been the logical sequence of his efforts. Moreover, his actions have conformed to a high standard of commercial ethics and he therefore enjoys the good will and respect of his contemporaries and his colleagues.

JOHN WILSON.

John Wilson, a representative and successful agriculturist of Sidell township, was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, on the 1st of November, 1844, his parents being Valentine and Mary Ann (Roland) Wilson, who were natives of Pennsylvania and New Jersey respectively. In early life they accompanied their respective parents to Dearborn county, Indiana, where they were married and continued to reside until called to their final rest, making their home on a farm. Valentine Wilson gave his political allegiance to the republican party and held the various township offices. He died in March, 1898, passing away in the faith of the old school Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belonged. The latter's demise occurred in 1863.

John Wilson spent his youthful years under the parental roof, attending the common schools in the acquirement of an education. On the 5th of September, 1861, when not yet seventeen years of age, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company F, Thirty-seventh Indiana Infantry, remaining with that command until honorably discharged at Jonesboro, Alabama, on the 27th of October, 1864. He was never wounded but had several narrow escapes, his cap being shot off on one occasion, while at another time a bullet pierced the sleeve of his coat, passing between his arm and body. He participated in the battle of Bowling Green, Kentucky, served through the siege of Nashville and the Atlanta campaign and took part in the engagements at Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Peach Tree Creek, Georgia.

After leaving the army Mr. Wilson came to Illinois, spending a little more than a year in Homer, Champaign county. Subsequently he resided in St. Louis for a couple of years and during the following eight or nine years drifted about the country. In 1873 he came to Vermilion county, Illinois, locating in Fairmount. Three years later, in 1876, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Gray, of Sidell township, this county. Following that important event in his life he settled in Sidell township, which has remained his place of residence continuously since. For five or six years he operated the farm belonging to his father-in-law, William Gray, and in 1882 he improved and located on his present place, which was a part of the old Gray homestead and which he purchased, with his wife's interest included, when the estate was settled in 1908. His home farm embraces

ninety acres. For several years he operated the entire Gray homestead of two hundred and forty acres in addition to other land, but since his sons have left the parental roof he has confined his attention exclusively to the management of his home farm. His agricultural interests have been so wisely and carefully conducted that he has won substantial success and has long been numbered among the prosperous and esteemed citizens of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have two sons, namely: Otto, who is a resident of Danville, Illinois; and Charles, living in Allerton, this country. In his political views Mr. Wilson is a stanch republican but he has never been active as an office seeker. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Tristlee Post, No. 777, G. A. R., at Sidell. Both he and his wife are widely and favorably known throughout the county, having gained many friends during the long period of their residence here.

WILLIAM P. CANNON.

Various corporate interests profited by the business discernment and keen enterprise of William P. Cannon, who for many years figured prominently in the commercial circles of Danville. A native of Indiana, he was born in Morgan county on the 18th of September, 1841, and was a son of Dr. Horace F. Cannon, who was born and reared in North Carolina and removed to the Hoosier state in 1840. He was a physician by profession and was drowned in Sugar Creek while on his way to visit a patient. In the state of his nativity William P. Cannon passed the days of his boyhood and youth and received a good practical education in Earlham College of Indiana. He commenced the study of law with his brother, the Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, and in 1862 was admitted to the bar. Forming a partnership with his brother, he then commenced practice at Tuscola, Illinois, but in 1865 turned his attention to the banking business, becoming a member of the firm of Wyeth, Cannon & Company, which conducted a private bank, he being the active manager until 1870. During that year he assisted in organizing the First National Bank of Tuscola and was made its president, retaining that office until 1873, when he became a resident of Danville and organized the Vermilion County Bank, of which he was elected president. The name of this bank was subsequently changed to the Second National Bank in 1881 and throughout the remainder of his life he was identified with its operations.

In 1864 Mr. Cannon was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Wamsley, of Indiana, a daughter of William Wamsley, and they became the parents of three children, namely: Orville W., who is mentioned below; Joseph G., Jr.; and Mrs. Gratz Helm. The wife and mother passed away in May, 1898, and Mr. Cannon was called to his final rest on the 3d of May, 1902.

No man in the community took a greater pride in the development and up-building of this city or was more actively identified with its welfare. He erected what became known as Cannon's Row on Walnut street shortly after coming to Danville and laid out several additions to the city. In this way he did much

for its improvement and upbuilding. In connection with others he started the first street car lines here and as they did not pay and ran behind he bought up the shares of the dissatisfied stockholders who wanted to dispose of their holdings, for he had faith in the enterprise and knew that some day it would prove a profitable venture. In his efforts to carry on the business he was supported by A. C. Daniel and F. W. Penwell and their faith was subsequently rewarded, for they at length sold to the present company at a fine profit. In all that he did Mr. Cannon was actuated by a desire to assist in the material progress of his adopted city and in his death Danville realized that it had lost a valued and honored citizen. In his political views he was a republican, but never took a very active part in politics aside from casting his vote.

Orville W. Cannon, the elder son of our subject, was for many years interested with his father in the banking business, being for twenty years connected with the Second National Bank, but he retired some time ago and has since given his attention to some extent to the automobile business. He is an ardent republican in politics and is actively interested in public affairs, being, like his father, a public-spirited citizen, who takes a commendable interest in the welfare of the city. He was married in Rossville, Illinois, to Miss Elizabeth Tomlinson, and they have one child, William B.

WILLIAM B. McFARLAND.

William B. McFarland, a respected resident and representative agriculturist of Grant township, makes his home on section 5, where he owns a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres, while his property holdings likewise include a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 29 and 32. In addition to the conduct of his farming interests he acts as secretary of the Grant township Mutual Fire Insurance Company and as vice president of the Pana District Cyclone Mutual Insurance Company.

His birth occurred in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, on the 12th of April, 1860, his parents being James and Sarah (McCartney) McFarland, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. In the year 1865 they took up their abode in Marshall county, Illinois, there continuing to reside until 1882. In that year they came to Vermilion county, purchasing and locating on the farm which is now the home of our subject. James McFarland remained an esteemed citizen here until called to his final rest in 1898, having for a number of years survived his wife, who passed away in 1883. Their children were eight in number, as follows: John and Sarah, both of whom are deceased; two who died in infancy; Flora, who is a resident of Hoopeston, Illinois; Elizabeth, the wife of William Bell, of Vermilion county; Samuel, who has passed away; and William B., of this review.

The last named obtained his education in the common schools and on attaining his majority purchased a portion of the old homestead farm on section 5, Grant township, where he has made his home continuously since. He likewise owns one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 29 and 32 and

as an agriculturist has won a gratifying measure of success. Since 1889 he has served as secretary of the Grant Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company, the president and treasurer of the concern being Josiah Jones and D. H. Chapman respectively. He is also the vice president of the Pana District Cyclone Mutual Insurance Company, of which the other officers are as follows: George D. Taylor, president; W. E. Killam, treasurer; and A. T. Strange, secretary. The printed reports of both companies indicate their good standing and success.

In 1885 Mr. McFarland was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary A. McCoy, who was born in West Virginia on the 7th of April 1861, her parents being Josiah and Sarah (Jump) McCoy, likewise natives of that state. They came to Illinois in 1867 and spent the remainder of their lives on a farm in Peoria county. Mrs. McFarland was the youngest in a family of ten children, five of whom are yet living. By her marriage she became the mother of four children, as follows: Etta, a graduate of the Hoopeston high school; Ida May, who was born on the 15th of June, 1888, and passed away January 2, 1900; Arthur B., likewise a graduate of the Hoopeston high school; and James E., at home.

In politics Mr. McFarland is a republican and for about twenty years he served as a school director. At the present time he acts as clerk of the board. Both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church and exemplify its teachings in their daily lives. They have the warm esteem and friendship of many with whom they have come in contact and the hospitality of the best homes of the locality is cordially extended them.

WILLARD WALLACE ABBOTT.

To attain leadership in any business is not to possess qualities unusual to mankind but to possess them in higher degree and in a more harmonious and well balanced union. The elements of success are those which can be cultivated by any individual and which grow by use. It has been the exercise of activity that has kept Willard Wallace Abbott alert and brought him in the course of years to his present enviable position as superintendent of the Illinois Canning Company.

He was born in Oneida county, New York, July 7, 1848, a son of Alfred Willard and Mary Jane (Thompson) Abbott. The father, also a native of Oneida county, New York, was born in 1818, became a millwright and pattern-maker and followed those trades throughout his entire life. He died in 1898, being survived for five years by his wife, who passed away in Newark, Wayne county, New York, in 1903. She was then about eighty years of age, her birth having occurred at Charleston Four Corners in Schoharie county, New York, in 1823.

Willard W. Abbott pursued his education in the schools of Oneida county and of Camden, New York, to the age of fifteen years and then made his initial step in the business world, his first position being in a woolen factory at Camden, where he worked for two seasons. At the end of that time his father apprenticed him to learn the machinist's trade, which he followed for

two years, but had to abandon it because the heavy work was undermining his health. He next took up what proved to be his life calling, obtaining employment with Annaias Edgett Company, vegetable and fruit packers at Camden. There he first became acquainted with the canning business, remaining with that house for about a year. He was next employed by the firm of Day Brothers, of Camden, New York, and after several years spent in learning the business in intermediate positions, he became superintendent of the canning company and eventually represented several New York companies in that capacity. For a number of years he was superintendent of the Ezra Edgett Company, of Wayne county, New York, and also of the Wayne County Preserving Company. For three years he was superintendent of the Oneida Community Canning Company, of Oneida, New York, and in 1880 he organized the United County Canning Company, of Verona, New York, and was superintendent there for one season. In 1881 he established the business of the New Hartford Canning Company, of New Hartford, New York, and was in active connection therewith until the fall of 1885, when he reestablished the business of the Delhi Canning Company, of Delhi, Ontario. He remained in Canada for two years, in 1885 and 1886.

In the spring of 1887 Mr. Abbott came to Hoopeston to accept the superintendency of the Illinois Canning Company. In the intervening years he has inaugurated many changes and improvements and has been a recognized factor in the company's success. He is now one of the stockholders and has shares in the company, of which he has been superintendent since 1887, although he spent several years at Vinton, Iowa, where he remodeled and rebuilt the plant of the Iowa Canning Company. In the spring of 1904 he returned to Hoopes-ton and has since bent his energies to the promotion of the business at this place. This is one of the most extensive industries of the kind in the country, the output of the Illinois Canning Company for the year 1910 in corn and beans alone amounting to seven million cans. Mr. Abbott is today one of the most widely known packers in the United States and the oldest in his line in years of continuous connection with the business. He has introduced many features in bringing the business up to its present high state of perfection and there is no phase of the undertaking with which he is not perfectly familiar, while his opinions are regarded everywhere as authority upon questions of vital import to the canning industry.

Mr. Abbott has been married twice. In Newark, New York, on the 4th of March, 1874, he wedded Miss Hannah Jane Bronk, who died at New Hartford, New York, in 1882, leaving three children. Minnie Ella, born in Oneida county, New York, October 18, 1878, is the wife of Walter S. Kennedy, a resident of Aberdeen, Washington; Nellie May, born at East Newark, New York, August 18, 1880, is the wife of Kenneth Yeoman, a resident of Rossville, Illinois, where he is employed as a freight conductor on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad; Alfred Willard, born in New Hartford, New York, May 8, 1882, is a resident of Barrington, Illinois, and is employed by the Chicago, Northwestern Railroad in the accounting department. He married Myrtle Comstock, a native of Barrington. The mother of these children died when her younger son was only three months old. On the 24th of March, 1883, in New Hart-

ford, New York, Mr. Abbott wedded Miss Jessie R. Patterson, a native of that place, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth Mabel, who was born at Delhi, Ontario, October 13, 1886, and has recently graduated from the Champaign University.

Mr. Abbott votes with the republican party and takes an active interest in local affairs although not a politician. He holds membership in the Masonic fraternity, being connected with Star Lodge, No. 709 A. F. & A. M. He also belongs to the Woodmen Camp, No. 257, of Hoopeston, and to the Odd Fellows society, in which he has filled all of the chairs. His religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Presbyterian church. He served for two years as one of its trustees and then after an interval was again called to that office, which he has filled for three years. He is preeminently a business man, energetic, determined and progressive, and an alert, enterprising spirit has kept him in touch with all that pertains to the line of business in which he has so long engaged. The success which has come to him is well merited, being the fitting crown of his perseverance and his labors.

DAVID M. BYERLY.

David M. Byerly is one of the progressive and prosperous farmers of Catlin township, whose present success has come as the logical result of industry, energy and perseverance and is due entirely to his own well directed efforts. A native of Indiana, he was born in Putnam county on the 4th of November, 1852, a son of K. F. and Rebecca Byerly. No event of special importance came to vary the routine of life for him during the period of his boyhood and youth, which was spent in the home of his parents. The winter months were devoted to acquiring an education in the common schools, while during the summer vacations he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm. At first his tasks were light but as the years passed and he gained in strength and experience, he assumed larger and more responsible duties, becoming familiar with all the various branches of agriculture.

Mr. Byerly remained upon the homestead until twenty-seven years of age when, desiring to engage independently in business, he rented a farm which he operated for about eight years. At the expiration of that period he felt that the capital which he had been able to accumulate through constant exertion and strict economy was sufficient to warrant his purchasing a farm, and he consequently became the owner of a tract of eighty acres on section 15, Catlin township, taking up his abode thereupon. Later he added forty acres to his original purchase and his farm today comprises one hundred and twenty acres of rich and valuable land which, by wise management, has been brought under a high state of cultivation. Many of the improvements upon the place are the result of his thrift and industry, and everything about the farm indicates that he has kept in close touch with the modern spirit of progress which is now manifest in agricultural circles. He practices rotation of crops, cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and uses modern machinery



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to facilitate farm labor, and the results which he has attained have been most gratifying. In connection with his general farming he engages to some extent in the raising and feeding of stock, and this branch of his business, also carefully managed, is proving both successful and remunerative.

On the 22d of February, 1880, Mr. Byerly was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Goff, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Gardner) Goff, of that state. Their family consisted of eleven children, of whom eight are still living, this number including Mrs. Byerly. Mr. and Mrs. Byerly have no children of their own but have adopted a boy, Theodore Byerly, who was born on the 22d of November, 1903, and are bestowing upon him all the advantages and comforts of a good home.

They hold membership in the Christian church of Catlin, and in their daily lives exemplify the teachings of that denomination. They are earnest, Christian people, whose many excellent traits of character have won for them the high regard and esteem of all with whom they come in contact, and since their residence in Catlin township have acquired a large circle of warm friends. The principles of the republican party have ever found in Mr. Byerly a stanch supporter, although the honors and emoluments of office have never proved an attraction. He prefers rather to concentrate his energies upon the conduct of his personal affairs, in which he has been most successful, and much credit is due him for the position which he has attained among the substantial and representative agriculturists of Catlin township.

WILLIAM F. BAUM.

William F. Baum needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for he has long been one of Danville's prominent citizens, having been known for many years as a leading druggist. Moreover, the high and upright principles of his life have commended him to the confidence and good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact. He was born on the 5th of February, 1848, in Covington, Indiana, his parents being Abner and Louisa (Hull) Baum, both natives of Ohio. As the name indicates, the family is of German origin and the first representative in America was John Baum, the great-grandfather of our subject. The grandfather was Jonas Baum, who fought for American independence during the Revolutionary war and died at the age of seventy-five years. During his active business life the father followed farming, but spent his last days in retirement in Nebraska. At the age of six years he accompanied his parents on their removal from Fayette county, Ohio, to Covington, Indiana, where he was reared upon a farm amid pioneer surroundings. He witnessed the building of the canal there and saw many other improvements made that led to the substantial development and progress of the city. In his family were the following children, namely: William F. of this review; O. S., a minister of the Presbyterian church, now located in Colorado; James A., who is engaged in the drug business in Lee, Nebraska; Emma, the wife of Frank Scott, a druggist of Rising City, Nebraska, and two who are deceased.

William F. Baum obtained a good practical education during his boyhood and youth and later successfully engaged in teaching school for a time, but believing that he could better his financial condition by embarking in some other business, in 1870 he accepted a position in a drug store at Covington, Indiana, where for the first year he received only fifteen dollars per month. The following year his wages were raised to thirty dollars per month and the third year he received forty dollars. The firm then established a branch store at Marshfield, that state, and made Mr. Baum its manager. A year later he purchased the store and subsequently opened another at Gibson City, Illinois. On the 1st of November, 1874, he came to Danville and embarked in the drug business here, bringing his stock with him from Gibson City. His Marshfield store he had previously sold and on coming to Vermilion county he first located near the Aetna House in Danville where he carried on business for four years. He next conducted a store on the public square until 1889, when he removed to No. 41 North Vermilion street, opening one of the most modern and up-to-date establishments of the kind in this section of the west. He has now for forty years been identified with the drug business and is today the oldest druggist in Danville. As time has passed he has steadily prospered and is today one of the most successful men of the city, owning a large amount of real estate. In 1882 he built the Baum block at the corner of East Main and Jackson streets, which at that time many considered a great mistake, believing it to be a bad location. But Mr. Baum's judgment in this respect proved sound and it has developed into one of the leading business centers of the city. In 1907 he began the erection of a magnificent building seven stories in height, which was completed in April, 1908. It is the highest building in the city and one of the best appointed and most handsome structures in this section of the state. Here he is now conducting a finely equipped drug store on the ground floor, it being up-to-date in every respect and supplied with all modern conveniences and accessories.

Mr. Baum was married on the 10th of September, 1874, to Miss Louisa A. Johnson, whose birth occurred in New Marshfield, Warren county, Indiana, in November, 1851. She completed her education in St. Mary's Seminary, Terre Haute, Indiana. Her parents were Henry and Amanda (Davis) Johnson, pioneer settlers of Warren county. After a happy married life of over thirty years she passed away on the 21st of March, 1905, leaving her husband and one son to mourn her loss. The latter is Clarence H. Baum, who was born September 6, 1875, in Danville and after completing the high-school course here, entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1894, completing the course in pharmacy and chemistry by graduation in 1896. Two years later the degree of Bachelor of Science was conferred upon him and in July, 1900, he started on a trip around the world, visiting every country of any importance, and had many interesting experiences.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Baum has affiliated with the republican party and has taken a very active and influential part in local politics, serving as a member of the city council for four years, from 1904 to 1908. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church and is an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, also belonging to the Vermilion county and Illinois Pharmaceutical

Associations. He served for one year as vice president and also as treasurer for the same length of time for the state association and has been a delegate to the National Association of Retail Druggists a number of times. As a business man he has always kept in touch with the trend of modern progress and through well defined lines of management has contributed in no small degree to the commercial development of the city. He is a man of sterling and forceful personality, his mental vision is clear, and he readily recognizes the possibilities of any situation whether of a public or private character. Moreover, his position is never an equivocal one, for he stands as a stalwart champion of whatever he believes to be right. In his business career he has made steady progress, but is no less esteemed for the traits he displays in the relations of social life and of citizenship.

ISAAC NEWTON HEATON.

Isaac Newton Heaton, well known as a prosperous farmer of Grant township, Vermilion county, who has been identified with the agricultural interests of the region since his boyhood, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, September 6, 1851. He comes of Scotch-Irish ancestry and is the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Deviny) Heaton. His father was born in Coshocton county in 1824. He grew up as a farmer and, desiring to improve his condition, came to Vermilion county in 1865, bringing with him his wife and three children. He purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres, which he increased until he became the owner of a well improved farm provided with modern dwellings and appliances and embracing two hundred acres. He was called away in 1891, his death being deeply mourned by the community. He was for many years a useful citizen and an active worker in the Christian church. His faithful companion was a daughter of Samuel Deviny, of Pennsylvania, and she became the mother of three children.

Isaac Newton Heaton was educated in the district schools, after which he pursued the higher branches under the favorable auspices of the Rossville high school. He has from his earliest recollection been connected with farming, remaining with his father until twenty-seven years of age and working industriously on the home farm, as he has always believed in doing the work at hand cheerfully and well. After beginning operations independently he made rapid progress and is now the owner of sixteen hundred and seventy-five acres of land and is one of the substantial farmers of Vermilion county. He is also a stockholder in the Hoopeston National Bank, the Farmers Grain Company of Heaton, and the Carlyle Canning Company, of Carlyle, Arkansas. By his business ability and good judgment in all undertakings, Mr. Heaton has gained a high standing and his advice is often sought in business affairs by friends and acquaintances who are desirous of proceeding along well approved lines.

In 1900 Mr. Heaton was happily united in marriage to Miss Olive Goodwine, a daughter of Abner Goodwine, who for many years was one of the

largest landowners in Warren county, Indiana, and was known as a man of unusual personal worth. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Heaton: Newton Bland, Edna E, and Raymond Lester.

Mr. Heaton is an active worker in the Christian church and has for some time occupied the responsible position of deacon. He was one of the liberal contributors toward the new church building at Heaton and is identified with the republican party, although he has devoted his attention to his business interests rather than to politics. He is recognized as one of the most prominent men in the Antioch settlement—an honor which he has earned by many years of rightly directed effort.

RALPH J. PARK.

There is no limit to business opportunities and the man who will cultivate a spirit of determination and will employ energy and intelligence to the work that falls to his lot can without fail secure advancement and ultimately win success. This statement finds proof in the life of Ralph J. Park, now at the head of extensive laundry interests in this part of the state, in which line he has operated since organizing a steam laundry at Hoopeston in 1899. He was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, April 26, 1873, and following the removal of the family to Hoopeston, pursued his education in the schools of this city, completing two years' work in the high school. After putting aside his text-books he worked with his father and when he had attained his majority started out to learn the machinist's trade, which he followed for about twenty-seven months. The knowledge that he acquired in that connection has been of marked value to him in the conduct of later interests.

In August, 1899, he joined Kenneth Hooker in organizing and establishing a steam laundry, which, during the first three years of its existence was located three doors south of the postoffice. On account of a fire, however, a removal was made to the present location at No. 201 North Market street. The firm continued business for a short time, after which Mr. Park purchased his partner's interest and has since been sole owner of the only steam laundry in Hoopeston. He also does business at many points outside of Hoopeston, having no less than eight agencies established in neighboring towns and employing on an average ten people, in the conduct of a business which has constantly grown in volume since its inception. The plant is equipped in the most modern manner and the work is done thoroughly and carefully. Mr. Park has ever recognized the fact that satisfied customers are the best advertisement and moreover, his business integrity prompts him to give a service that is adequate to the highest demands and needs of the business.

In Hoopeston, on June 7, 1900, Mr. Park was married to Miss Georgia Hooker, a daughter of David M. Hooker, and a representative of one of the old and well known families of the county. They now have two children: Graham E., born in Hoopeston, September 17, 1904; and Helen F., born October 19, 1905.

The parents are members of the United Presbyterian church and are well known in Hoopeston, where they gained many friends. Mr. Park belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp and his political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party. His success is the direct outcome of earnest labor and capable management and his life work proves what can be accomplished by the possession and exercise of those qualities.

J. P. TUBBS.

J. P. Tubbs, proprietor of a meat market at Rossville, was born in Francisville, Indiana, September 22, 1855, his parents being Daniel and Elizabeth (Van Gundy) Tubbs. The father died when only thirty-three years of age and was laid to rest in Fountain county, Indiana. His widow married the second time and died in 1868.

Reared upon the home farm in Fountain county, Indiana, J. P. Tubbs pursued his education in the country schools and so became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. The periods of vacation were devoted to work in the fields and he was early trained to habits of industry, economy and integrity. He has been engaged in the meat business in Rossville for many years and conducts a well appointed market, while his treatment of his patrons and his reasonable prices have secured him a good patronage.

In 1877 Mr. Tubbs was united in marriage to Miss Florence Redden, a daughter of John and Cassie (Anderson) Redden, the former now living, while the latter is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Tubbs have become the parents of three children but lost their first born, Lona. Arthur married Miss Fannie Smith and has one child, Gealia, four years of age. Motive the youngest of the family, is at home.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Tubbs is a Woodman and also belongs to the Tribe of Ben Hur. His religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Christian church. Both he and his wife are well known in Rossville and have many warm friends whose high regard they have gained by reason of their sterling worth.

HON. E. R. E. KIMBROUGH.

Hon. E. R. E. Kimbrough, judge of the Fifth circuit court, is one of the most distinguished jurists of this section of the state and is a man prominent in both professional and business circles. For over a third of a century he has been engaged in the practice of law in Danville and his practice has always been of an extensive and important character. He is recognized as a man of evenly balanced mind and of splendid intellectual attainments, and he is thoroughly alive to the vital questions and interests of the day, while his sound judgment is manifest in his clear and logical opinions concerning points of law

and questions of business expediency or matters which touch the general interests of society.

A native of Illinois, Judge Kimbrough was born near Paris in Edgar county on the 28th of March, 1851, his parents being Andrew Hansford and Sarah (Ashmore) Kimbrough, the former a native of Hardin county, Kentucky, and the latter of Clark county, Illinois. On the paternal side he is of Scotch descent, though his ancestors came to this country nearly three hundred years ago and first settled in Virginia. Some of them participated in Bacon's Rebellion, including Thomas Hansford, who was executed for his participation in that struggle in 1676. Fisk in his book speaks of him as being the first martyr to American liberty. It was for this gentleman that our subject's father was named. The Judge's grandfather, Goldman Kimbrough, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Richard Calvin Kimbrough was the first and only representative of the family to come to Illinois, he having removed to this state from the south on account of his opposition to slavery. He taught the first school in Edgar county, where he settled on his removal from North Carolina to this state in 1825. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and was twice wounded, once at Horseshoe Bend and later at New Orleans.

Dr. Andrew H. Kimbrough, the father of our subject, was a physician by profession and a graduate of Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, completing the course there about 1857. He accompanied his parents on their removal to this state and after receiving his degree began practice in Paris but the following year located in Georgetown, Illinois, where he remained until 1873, which year witnessed his arrival in Danville. Here he made his home until his death, in 1903. He was prominent in his profession and was known throughout this entire section of the state. Prior to his death he was stricken with paralysis while at work in his office and he was helpless during many of his later years. He was a powerful man physically and was in his eighty-second year when called to his final rest. His wife died August 4, 1904, in her eighty-fifth year. She became a resident of Georgetown, Vermilion county, in 1858, and in 1873 located in Danville, where she continued to make her home until her death. To the Doctor and his wife were born three children, namely: Laura, Dill and E. R. E.

The Judge's mother could relate many interesting incidents of pioneer life in this section of the state and well remembered on her seventh birthday that her father attended a sale of lots in Danville, this being April 10, 1827. At the time the property on which the Daniel building now stands was sold for twenty-five dollars and the first schoolhouse in the county stood on that site. This building was first used as a school and afterward as a place for storing venison, but was set on fire and burned by some one in order to get the meat it contained. William H. Price, one of the pioneers of Pilot township, who died recently, told Judge Kimbrough that the first work he ever did was to keep the deer and wild turkeys out of the clearing where corn had been planted on the site of what is now the residences of the Judge and Captain Winter. He said he had a horn which he would blow to scare them away, but deer and wild turkeys were so numerous that they paid no attention to him and in order

to frighten them more he beat his horn against a tree, thus breaking it, for which he caught a good "tanning."

The early education which Judge Kimbrough acquired, in the public schools, was supplemented by a course of study at the Illinois State Normal School at Normal, where he was graduated in 1873. He was then employed as superintendent of the Golconda school for one year, accepting that position in order to earn a little spending money while he was studying law. At the end of that time he entered the law office of Hon. Elias S. Terry of Danville and pursued his studies under the direction of the latter until admitted to the bar on the 8th of January, 1876. He then opened an office in the First National Bank Building in this city and was engaged in practice under the firm name of Lindsey & Kimbrough until December, 1882, his partner being W. D. Lindsey. After severing that connection he was alone in practice for some years and next formed a partnership with James A. Meeks in July, 1893. He continued a member of that firm until his elevation to the bench in 1903 and so capably did he fill the position that he was reelected in 1909, his present term expiring in June, 1915. At both elections he received the highest majority of any man running on either ticket, although the district is strongly republican, Vermilion county having a republican majority of about six thousand, but the judge received over five hundred votes more than his opponent, being high man in the district and third in the county. At the second election he received a majority of fifteen hundred and forty-seven, which was the largest received by any man, either in the district or county. Upon the bench he has given the utmost satisfaction, his rulings being fair and impartial, and his excellent knowledge of the law makes his decisions worthy of note, so that he has been called upon to try more cases than any other judge in this part of the state.

He has not confined his attention wholly to his professional duties but has become largely interested in business enterprises of magnitude and is now serving as vice president of the First National Bank, as a director of the Danville Building Association and the Home Building Association. He is also connected with the Emery Dry Goods Company and was formerly identified with the Electric Light & Gas Company. He is one of the owners of the Temple building and was a member of the firm that erected the Danville building.

On the 14th of September, 1876, Judge Kimbrough was united in marriage to Miss Julia C. Tincher, a daughter of John L. Tincher of Danville, who was one of the founders of the First National Bank and a partner of J. G. English in the banking business. At one time he was one of the leading business men of this city and was also prominent in political affairs, serving as a member of the state senate when he died in Springfield, in 1871. The only child born to Judge and Mrs. Kimbrough was Robert, who died in 1886, at the age of nine years.

For many years Judge Kimbrough has been recognized as one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Danville and he has been honored with several official positions, the duties of which he has most creditably discharged. He is now serving as a member of the library board and the state board of education, having filled the latter position since 1893. He is also president of the Spring Hill Cemetery Association and for nine years was a member of

the local board of education in Danville. In 1882 and again in 1884 he was elected to the state legislature, being a member of the thirty-third and thirty-fourth general assemblies, and was called upon to serve as chairman of the judiciary committee while the department and practice committee was made up for him. In 1897 he was elected mayor of Danville on the reform ticket and during his administration accomplished what he said he would do, but refused to become a candidate for reelection. He was a delegate to the national democratic conventions of 1888 and 1892 and to the gold democratic convention of 1896.

Fraternally he has attained the Knights Templar degree in the Masonic order and is also connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His has been a conspicuously successful career. Endowed by nature with high intellectual qualities, to which were added the discipline and embellishment of culture, his is a most attractive personality. He is today undoubtedly one of the most prominent members of the bar in this section of the state, receiving from the entire legal profession that honor and respect which is accorded only in recognition of superior personal and professional merits. He is particularly alive to the interests and vital questions of the day whether of a professional, political or business nature, and his labors and efforts have been of a most practical character while at the same time he works toward high ideals.

SAMUEL A. RODMAN.

Samuel A. Rodman, a prosperous and esteemed resident of Grant township, owns and operates a well improved farm comprising a quarter section of land. His birth occurred in Muskingum county, Ohio, on the 4th of November, 1842, his parents being Scamon and Eliza (Wolfe) Rodman, who were natives of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and Virginia respectively. Their marriage was celebrated in the Buckeye state. The father removed to Ohio in the year 1820 and entered twelve hundred acres of timber land. He erected a log cabin with clapboard roof and puncheon floor and continued to reside on his farm there until 1851, when he journeyed westward to McLean county, Illinois. There he purchased a partly improved farm of two hundred acres, paying seventeen hundred and fifty dollars for the property. On that place he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Scamon Rodman was a republican in his political views and a native worker in the local ranks of the party. He was an admirer and friend of Abraham Lincoln. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Methodist Protestant church. Unto him and his wife were born ten children, nine of whom are yet living.

Samuel A. Rodman supplemented his preliminary education by a college course and remained at home until he joined the Union army in 1862, becoming a member of Company D, Ninety-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, the Red River expedition and many other hotly contested engagements and also accompanied Sherman on a portion of his march to the sea. After being

mustered out at Galveston, Texas, he returned to his home in McLean county, Illinois, remaining with his father until the time of his marriage in 1867. Subsequently he operated a rented farm for three years and then acted as a railroad agent for a similar period. In 1876 he came to Vermilion county, Illinois, purchasing and locating upon a farm of eighty acres in the southern part of Grant township, whereon he made his home for three years. On the expiration of that period he sold the property and bought the farm of one hundred and sixty acres which has remained his place of abode continuously since. The many substantial improvements which now adorn the property all stand as monuments to his industry, thrift and enterprise. He likewise owns a quarter section of land in Jerauld county, South Dakota, which is under a high state of cultivation. He also owns some city property in Hoopeston and has long been numbered among the prosperous and representative residents of the community. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he has met with excellent results by reason of his well directed energy and capable business management.

On the 13th of October, 1867, Mr. Rodman was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Nelson, who was born in Richland county, Ohio, in 1848, her parents being James E. and Mary Jane (Boslaw) Nelson, natives of New York and Wisconsin respectively. They reared a family of ten children and passed away in the state of Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rodman have been born nine children, namely: Hattie, who is still at home; William S., of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who is in the mail service; Harry S., who follows farming in Minnesota; Nellie, likewise at home; Oscar O., who was born on the 9th of August, 1878, and died on the 4th of November, 1909, leaving a widow and one son, Donald; Frank L., living in South Dakota; Robert R., a practicing attorney of Hoopeston; Walter W., who is likewise yet under the parental roof; and one who died in infancy.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Rodman has loyally supported the men and measures of the republican party. He has held several township positions and has always proved a most capable and trustworthy public official. The period of his residence in Vermilion county covers a third of a century and he has a wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders, enjoying the confidence and trust of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

GEORGE PARTLOW.

On the roll of Vermilion county's honored dead is the name of George Partlow, who has for many years identified with the business interests of Danville. He was born in this city in 1846 and was a son of John Milton Partlow. Reared here, he was indebted to the Danville public schools for the early educational privileges he enjoyed and on starting out in life for himself accepted a clerkship in the dry-goods store of W. I. Mann, which then stood on West Main street. During his connection with that establishment he gained a wide circle of friends and acquaintances and became thoroughly familiar with busi-

ness methods. He next accepted a position in the store of Joseph Goldsmith and on leaving there became deputy circuit clerk under A. S. Hawes. He served in that capacity for four years, his duties being most faithfully and conscientiously discharged, and at the end of that time formed a partnership with the late W. H. Johns in the real-estate and insurance business. Although this was his first experience along this line he always had a special liking for such work and his wide acquaintance proved of great assistance to him when he embarked in this business. After Mr. Johns' death he became connected with Charles Hacker and together they carried on real-estate operations and also engaged in the insurance business up to the time that Mr. Partlow passed away on the 31st of July, 1905. He devoted considerable attention to the writing of live-stock insurance and in this way became well known to the farmers throughout the surrounding country, and it is probable that no man in the community had a wider circle of friends or acquaintances than he.

Mr. Partlow was married in Danville to Miss Irene English, a daughter of Hon. J. G. English, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume, and they became the parents of four children, as follows: Mrs. Benjamin Taylor, now a resident of Catlin, Illinois; Joseph, who makes his home in Chicago; Frank; and Nellie.

During the dark days of the Civil war Mr. Partlow manifested his patriotism and loyalty by entering the service and remaining at the front for three years. He returned home with an enviable war record and was later a prominent member of Kenesaw Post, No. 77, G. A. R. He was a devoted husband and father and found his greatest pleasure at his own fireside, surrounded by his wife and children. His death was widely and deeply mourned, for he had the confidence and respect of all with whom he was brought in contact.

JOHN SLOAN.

The farming and stock-raising interests of Grant township find a worthy representative in John Sloan, who owns one hundred and sixty acres of rich and arable land on section 16. His birth occurred in Ireland on the 5th of August, 1850, his parents being Henry and Katherine Sloan, who spent their entire lives in that country. They had seven children, all of whom make their home in Ireland with the exception of our subject and his brother Michael, who is a resident of Ohio.

John Sloan was afforded the advantages of a good common-school education and spent the first twenty-two years of his life on the Emerald isle. In 1872 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, first locating in Cleveland, Ohio, where he worked as a common laborer until 1877. In that year he came to Illinois, purchasing and locating on a farm of eighty acres in Iroquois county, where he made his home for twenty-one years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 16, Grant township, Vermilion county, in the operation of which he has since been actively engaged. He has erected a fine residence

thereon and has also put up outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, for in connection with the tilling of the soil he makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock. Both branches of his business return to him a gratifying annual income and he has long been numbered among the successful and enterprising agriculturists of the community.

In 1878, in Hoopeston, Illinois, Mr. Sloan was united in marriage to Miss Rose Sloan, who, though of the same name, is not a relative. She was born in the north of Ireland on the 15th of February, 1853, her parents being John and Rose Sloan, both of whom passed away in that country. They had a family of eight children, five of whom are yet living. Unto our subject and his wife have been born five children, as follows: Catherine M., who is the wife of William Snyder and resides at Rankin, Illinois; John H., at home; Mary Ellen, who is a graduate of Greer College and now follows the profession of teaching; Rose Agnes, likewise a graduate of that institution, who is also engaged in teaching school; and Elizabeth A., who is still pursuing her studies.

Mr. Sloan is a democrat in politics and has capably served in the position of school director. He and his family belong to the Catholic church at Hoopeston. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and through their wise utilization has gained a comfortable competence. The period of his residence in this part of the state covers a third of a century and the sterling traits of his character are well known to his fellow townsmen, the great majority of whom number him as a friend.

HANES GARLAUGH.

Hanes Garlaugh, late of Sidell, who was called from earthly scenes March 13, 1910, was recognized as one of the most progressive farmers of Vermilion county and a man whose life and services reflected in an eminent degree those virtues which most contribute to the growth and permanency of society. His career presents valuable lessons for any ambitious young man and his success as an agriculturist should be an incentive to others to persevere in a work that has large rewards for those who are capable of exercising patience, industry and good judgment.

Mr. Garlaugh was born near Dayton, Ohio, February 17, 1853, a son of Jacob and Ann Elizabeth Garlaugh, both of whom were of Teutonic ancestry. Mrs. Garlaugh was the mother of thirteen children, three of whom died in infancy. The eldest son lost his life in the Civil war, in 1865, the death of our subject being the first that occurred among the nine remaining brothers and sisters during a period that extended over forty-five years. They were Lydia Ann, Edward E., Taylor, Mary Jane and Martha E., twins, Harriet V., Jacob L., Sarah B. and Hanes.

Mr. Garlaugh was educated in the public schools and grew up at home, continuing under the parental roof until he was twenty-six years of age, when he came west to Vermilion county to assist in looking after extended landed

interests, his father having bought from John Sidell eleven hundred acres of land in this county in 1873. The subject of this review was a good farmer and made many valuable improvements on the tract. In 1891 he purchased half of the farm, his brother Taylor acquiring the other half, and he continued in agricultural and stock-raising operations, until 1904, when he built a handsome residence in Sidell, to which he removed and where he lived until his death. He was identified with the Masonic brotherhood and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in all his connections, both public and private, showing the sincerity of his professions.

Mr. Garlaugh was thrice married. In 1883 he wedded Miss Nellie Martin, of Pilot township, this county, who was a daughter of Calvin J. and Elizabeth (Collison) Martin, both natives of Illinois and early settlers of Vermilion county. Later they removed to Kansas, where Mr. Martin died. Mrs. Martin is now living in that state and is seventy years of age. Mrs. Garlaugh was called away December 26, 1887, leaving two children, Mamie Elizabeth, who is living at home; and Ida May, deceased. The mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a woman of many excellent qualities.

In 1890 Mr. Garlaugh was married to Miss Ida Thomas, of Palermo, Illinois, who died six months later. In 1897 he was united in marriage to Miss Alice N. Hall, of Fairmount, this county, a daughter of Jacob H. and Ellen (McDonald) Hall, the father being a native of Ohio and the mother of Indiana, where they spent a few months and then came to Fairmount. At that time the town had but eleven houses and Mr. Hall later was known as its oldest resident. He conducted a hotel in Fairmount for nearly forty years and acquired a wide reputation among the traveling public on account of his genial qualities. Mrs. Hall was called away in 1903 and her husband departed this life three years later. They were members of the Methodist church and had many friends in the region where they spent a large part of their lives. Mrs. Garlaugh makes her home in the handsome family residence at Sidell, where she has lived for the past six years and where she is highly esteemed for her many estimable traits of character. Mr. Garlaugh will not soon be forgotten in a community which learned to respect him for his energetic and progressive qualities, and he ranked among the prominent men in his locality. His death in the midst of a useful career was regarded as a distinct loss not only to his family and friends but to the entire community.

GEORGE N. DAVISON.

Through the steps of orderly progression George N. Davison has made continuous advancement in the business world until he now occupies the honorable position of cashier and manager of the State Bank of Allerton. His history indicates clearly what may be accomplished when determination, adaptability and unfaltering industry are the strong characteristics of the individual. His birth occurred in Yorkshire, England, on the 16th of May, 1858, his parents being John N. and Jane (Foster) Davison, who were born, reared and

married at that place. The father was there engaged in business as a lime burner, conducting an enterprise of that character for many years. When he passed away, his son, Arthur W., succeeded to the business and still conducts the same. The demise of John N. Davison occurred at Yorkshire in March, 1900, when he had attained the age of seventy-two years. His widow, who still survives, yet makes her home in Yorkshire.

George N. Davison was reared under the parental roof, attending the public schools in the acquirement of an education. When but fourteen years of age he became a butcher's apprentice, receiving as remuneration for his services only one pound (or five dollars) a year during the two years of his apprenticeship. Subsequently he worked as a journeyman for some seven years, on the expiration of which period he embarked in the butchering business on his own account, conducting an establishment of that character for about a year and a half.

In 1881 Mr. Davison crossed the Atlantic to the United States, coming direct to Allerton, Vermilion county, Illinois. Here he worked as a farm hand for two weeks and then went to Homer, there being employed at his trade for a year. At the end of that time he entered the general store of S. B. Ball at Homer, remaining in that gentleman's service for fourteen years. He first worked as a clerk at a wage of twenty-five dollars per month but was gradually promoted as his ability and fidelity became recognized, acting as confidential man and manager of the business at the time he left Mr. Ball's employ. During the next two years he followed general agricultural pursuits, operating a rented farm. In 1901 he again came to Allerton, accepting a clerkship in the Allerton Cash Store. When the business was sold out a year later he remained with Mr. Allerton's successors for about three months and then once more took up his trade, having purchased the butchering business of the Cash Store at the time Mr. Allerton disposed of his interests. After conducting a butcher shop for one year he went to Louise, Texas, as cashier of the People's Bank at that place, thus gaining his first experience in the banking business. At the end of fifteen months the concern sold out and Mr. Davison returned to Allerton, here entering the bank of S. W. Allerton & Company in the capacity of bookkeeper. In 1907 he was made assistant cashier and in August, 1910, at the time of Mr. Burger's resignation, became cashier of the institution, holding that position at the present time. He is likewise a stockholder in the State Bank of Allerton and a member of its board of directors. He has been active in his management and control of the bank and has proved a courteous, obliging and capable official whose personal popularity constitutes one of the attributes of success for the institution.

On the 5th of June, 1891, in St. John's church of New York city, Mr. Davison was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy F. Woodhouse, of London, England, whom he met on her arrival in this country. Following their marriage the young couple made their way direct to Homer, Illinois.

Dr. Davison is a republican in politics and a member of the town board of Allerton at the present time. Fraternally he is identified with Homer Lodge, No. 252, A. F. & A. M., while his religious faith is indicated by his member-

ship in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he serves as treasurer and to which his wife also belongs. His life presents many creditable phases, in harmony with his professions. Ever upright and honorable, he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, having worked his way steadily upward by determined and straightforward effort.

C. B. FENTON.

The name of C. B. Fenton is indelibly inscribed on the pages of Danville's history. His success was not that alone of material gain, for his progress was equally marked along the lines of intellectual development and of humanitarian spirit and principle. He was interested in the welfare of his race and was a deep student of those things which have marked the progress of humanity through all the ages. At the same time he was a practical man of affairs, long associated with the business interests of Danville where his intelligently directed efforts brought him success. A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Fenton was born in Wesleyville in 1841. His father, Edwin V. Fenton, was a native of Ohio and was a tailor by trade. In following that pursuit he provided a good living for his family.

C. B. Fenton largely acquired his education in the schools of Conneaut, Ohio, and after completing his course was connected with business interests in that state for a number of years. He arrived in Danville on the 17th of August, 1870, removing from Paynesville, Ohio, where he had formerly been connected with mercantile interests. On arriving in this city he purchased the store and stock of William Brown, who dealt in stoves and tinware at the corner of the square, and later he added a line of hardware. Mr. Fenton remained there for two years, after which he carried on his store in the Hub block for two years. In 1874 he removed to 17 East Main street and continued at the same location for thirty-six years. Since his death his daughter has conducted the business. At the time of his demise he was with one exception the oldest merchant continuing in the same line of business in Danville. Not only did he figure as one of the leading and enterprising merchants of the city but was also a factor in promoting the material growth of Danville along many other lines. He was interested in the Opera House, was one of the active factors in promoting the street car system, the electric lights and other projects which have been extremely valuable as features in Danville's upbuilding and commercial progress.

Mr. Fenton was a man of broad general information and carried his researches and investigation far and wide into the various specific lines of knowledge. Few men not in public life were more familiar with the political situations and questions of the day and for various magazines and the Chicago papers he wrote articles upon subjects of vital political interest. He was also the author of a volume on Coins and Currency. He possessed a fine large library and his evening hours outside of business were largely given to com-

panionship with the master minds of all ages. He reads broadly, thought deeply and largely drew his inspiration from the authors with which he was familiar.

In Cleveland, Ohio, in 1868, Mr. Fenton was united in marriage to Miss Margaret E. McKeon, and unto them were born three children, of whom Josephine and Grace are now living, while a daughter Willie died in 1876.

For a long period Mr. Fenton gave his political allegiance to the republican party but when his views became at variance with its platform he withdrew from active connection therewith and voted independently, keeping, however, well versed upon the issues of the day. He served as supervisor for a number of years and discharged all public duties with a sense of conscientious obligation. For thirty-five years he was a member of the Masonic fraternity of Danville, joining the organization when eighteen years of age. While he did not bind himself by any creed or religious dogma, he was a friend to all the influences which uplift and benefit mankind and gave generously to the support of churches and Sunday schools, recognizing their potency as factors in the material development of the individual or community. He was a man of kindly spirit, genial in manner, courteous in deportment and generous and benevolent in disposition. He took no narrow nor contracted view of life, his expanding mental powers reaching out to broader views and bringing him into touch with the universal and the enduring work of all ages. He was loved by all who knew him and no higher tribute can be paid to any man.

LAWRENCE LESTER CUNDIFF.

Lawrence Lester Cundiff, one of the well known and highly esteemed residents of Sidell township, devotes his attention to general agricultural pursuits, operating two hundred and eighty acres of the Cathcart estate. His birth occurred in Sidell township, Vermilion county, on the 11th of December, 1876, his parents being Isaac and Martha (Ross) Cundiff. The father is a native of Kentucky, while the mother was born in Sidell township, this county. Isaac Cundiff came to Vermilion county in early manhood, was here married and established his home on a farm in Sidell township. About 1883 he removed to Saunders county, Nebraska, there residing for twelve years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Vermilion county, locating in Sidell, where he has since been successfully engaged in business as a brick and stone mason and as a general contractor. Both he and his wife are still living, the latter being a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Cundiff's fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He enjoys a wide acquaintance and is highly respected throughout the community, for his life has ever been actuated by high and honorable principles.

Lawrence Lester Cundiff was reared under the parental roof, attending the common schools in pursuit of an education. During the periods of vacation he worked at farm labor, thus early becoming familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. In 1898 he embarked upon an independent

career and during the past twelve years has been numbered among the successful and enterprising agriculturists of Sidell township. He now cultivates two hundred and eighty acres of the Cathcart estate with excellent results and is widely recognized as one of the best farmers in the community. In connection with the tilling of the soil he raises shorthorn cattle and his labors along this line have also been rewarded with success.

On the 10th of January, 1899, Mr. Cundiff was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Boyd, of Sidell township, by whom he has two children, Vernon B. and Mildred A.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Cundiff has supported the men and measures of the republican party. The cause of education has ever found in him a stanch champion and he has served on the school board, Fraternally he is identified with the Mystic Workers of the World. He is well known throughout the community and his many friends esteem him highly for his personal worth.

DANIEL OAKS.

Among the men now living in Vermilion county who fought for the Union in the Civil war may be named Daniel Oaks, who has resided for more than forty years on the farm he now owns, in Vance township. He came to Illinois with his parents in his boyhood and has been a witness of the great changes by which many obstacles have been conquered and the state has been made a pleasant abiding place for several millions of prosperous and happy people. He was born in Seneca county, Ohio, August 27, 1842, a son of Michael Oaks, by his second wife, who died during the childhood of our subject, and his father was married a third time. On emigrating to Illinois late in the '40s, he first located in Clark county near the town of Marshall, where he lived ten or twelve years, and then came to Vance township, Vermilion county, and bought a farm of forty acres. After the death of his third wife he took up his residence with his son and continued with him until 1881, when he was called away at the age of seventy-five years.

Daniel Oaks was reared on the home farm and educated in the public schools. Soon after the opening of the Civil war he offered his services to the government and in 1862 was enrolled in Company C, Seventy-first Illinois Regiment, in response to a call for one hundred day men. At the expiration of his term of enlistment he returned home and in January, 1864, enlisted in Company F, Twenty-sixth Illinois Infantry, serving until the close of the war and participating in many important engagements, among which were the battles of Scottsboro, Snake Creek Gap, Atlanta, Bentonville, Big Shanty, Burnt Hickory, Dallas, Davis Mill, Ezra Church, Goldsboro, Kingston, Kenesaw Mountain, Lovejoy Station, Little Salkahatchie, Lumpkins Mill and Nickajack. He participated in Sherman's march to the sea, being a member of the Fifteenth Army Corps, under command of General John A. Logan. At the battle of Atlanta, July 28, 1864, Mr. Oaks received a flesh wound which, however, did not prove



DANIEL OAKS

serious and he soon recovered from the injury. He was a brave and vigilant soldier and was honorably discharged from the army in September, 1865, after having passed through many thrilling experiences which made a never-to-be-forgotten impression upon his life. Returning to Vermilion county and laying aside the uniform and accouterment of war, he resumed the occupations of peace and after renting a farm for two years, he purchased the homestead which he has since occupied and now owns a highly improved farm of one hundred and ten acres, which is provided with a comfortable residence, a commodious barn, good fences, and all the equipments of the up-to-date farming establishment.

In 1869 Mr. Oaks was united in marriage to Miss Melissa Morrison, of Vance township, and of this union four children were born, two of whom are living: Eva, the wife of Charles Hazelton, a farmer of Vance township; and Charles, of Homer, Illinois. Mrs. Oaks was called to her final rest about 1879 and on July 26, 1881, Mr. Oaks was married to Miss Margaret Hickman, of Vance township. She is a daughter of Maranda and Elizabeth Hickman, who came to Vermilion county in 1865 from Harrison county, Virginia. Our subject and his wife have one child, William, now an employe of the Pullman Company of Chicago.

Mrs. Oaks holds membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian church and is one of the active supporters of that denomination. Mr. Oaks has been for many years a stanch advocate of the republican party but he has never aspired to official honors. He is a worthy member of Homer Post, No. 263, Grand Army of the Republic, and at the gatherings of his gray-haired comrades he again renews the associations of long years ago when great armies met on many a battlefield to decide the fate of the nation. He recognizes that the greatest honor of his life was his service under the stars and stripes. Mr. Oaks is respected as a patriotic and self-sacrificing citizen and as an energetic and capable man of business who has always contributed to the extent of his ability to the upbuilding of the region with which he has been identified during the greater part of his active career.

ISAAC SANDUSKY.

Ten years after the admission of the state into the Union Isaac Sandusky established his home in Vermilion county, Illinois. It is difficult for one at the present time to imagine the conditions of things which then existed. The state which today has more railroads than any other state in the Union, was then largely unsettled. All traveling was done by stage or private conveyance and comparatively few roads had been laid out. In the greater part of the state the timber was yet uncut and the prairies were uncultivated. In summer they were studded with millions of wild flowers and in winter transformed into a dazzling and unbroken sheet of snow. Wild animals were frequently seen and wild game was to be had in abundance. It was into such a district that Isaac Sandusky made his way in 1828, taking up a claim on section 9, Catlin township. He had previously been a resident of Kentucky and at the

outbreak of the second war with England had joined the American forces and had been taken prisoner at the time of Hull's surrender at Detroit. Managing to make his escape from his captors, he quietly started southward for Kentucky and while en route traveled through this region. He was pleased with the beauty and natural advantages of the country and, standing on a mound that is now within the limits of Catlin village, he looked abroad over the surrounding districts and resolved that he would one day own a farm on that beautiful prairie. He had visions of a place of eighty acres, or at least of forty, and he never relinquished his desire to come to this district, although a number of years passed before his wish met fulfillment.

In 1828, however, Mr. Sandusky found opportunity to carry out the decision which he had formed fourteen years before. Traveling northward to Vermilion county, he located first at Brookpoint. He was a man of energy and thrift, made good use of all of his opportunities and was soon the owner of an excellent farm. It was his ambition, however, to acquire enough land to enable him to give homes to each of his seven children. He then left his son James on section 9, Catlin township, and went himself to the mound at Catlin. In connection with his sons, Harvey and Josiah, he purchased nearly all of the land around Brookpoint. At one time it became a question as to whether he or Henry Jones should own the township. As he prospered in his undertaking he added to his property and became the owner of much valuable land. As the years passed on he took an active and helpful part in the work of general development, especially along agricultural lines. He cooperated in every movement for the public good and when it became necessary to fight the red men who were living in this section of the state, he again participated in military service, taking part in the Black Hawk war.

In early manhood Mr. Sandusky was united in marriage to Miss Euphenie McDowell, also a native of Kentucky. His death occurred on the 6th of August, 1852, while his widow, surviving him for a number of years, passed away on the 15th of August, 1864. They were the parents of six children but five are now deceased, namely: Jacob, Josiah, James, Harvey and Agnes. The only one now living is Mrs. Mary J. Hoyle, who in early womanhood was married in 1853 to Gail Guyman, a native of Vermilion county and a son of Isaac Guyman, who was a pioneer settler of Catlin township. Gail Guyman was a farmer by occupation and only lived for a short time after his marriage, leaving a widow and one son, who now owns the farm in Catlin township and resides near there. Some time after the death of her first husband Mrs. Guyman gave her hand in marriage to George Hoyle, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and when a young man came to Vermilion county, Illinois. For a number of years they lived on Mrs. Hoyle's farm in Catlin township, Mr. Hoyle successfully conducting and improving the property. He also bought and shipped considerable stock and found this a profitable source of income. Later, however, they rented the farm and removed to Danville, there to enjoy a well earned rest from the arduous duties of farm life.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Hoyle has continued to make her home in Danville, where she has a host of warm friends. She is numbered among the pioneer residents of the county and is a worthy representative of one of its

oldest families. The Sandusky family were all members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Sandusky was a whig in his political views. He took a very active part in the affairs of the county, cooperating in all the movements which tended to promote its early progress. Mr. Hoyle, too, was also interested in the upbuilding of this section of the state and gave his cooperation and support to various projects whereby Vermilion county's best interests have been augmented.

THOMAS M. WOOLVERTON.

Thomas M. Woolverton, now one of the oldest dealers in farm machinery in the county in years of continuous connection with the business, has built up an excellent trade at Hoopeston in the face of difficulties and obstacles which would have utterly discouraged many a man of less resolute spirit. He also deals in paints, harness and sundry lines and has based his success upon the sure and stable foundation of honorable and persevering effort. He was born in Grant township, Vermilion county, September 30, 1851, and comes of a family of English origin, the name of Woolverton being derived from the old English name Wolverhampton, which was a county in England. Representatives of the name came to America at an early day and Abel Woolverton, father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania. He served as a colonel in the war of 1812 and on leaving Pennsylvania removed to Ohio, while about 1850 he became a resident of Vermilion county, Illinois, settling upon a farm, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits to the time of his death. His wife bore the maiden name of Ann English and was a daughter of Joseph English, a prominent early resident of Danville.

Thomas M. Woolverton was a pupil in the district schools of Vermilion county for only about a year. His educational privileges were extremely limited as far as school training was concerned but in the school of experience his lessons were broad and comprehensive and he has gained a practical knowledge that has made him a successful business man. He early learned the value of industry, perseverance and integrity and these have ever remained crowning points in his life. When he was but eight years of age he drove five yoke of oxen to a breaking plow and was employed at farm work to the age of fourteen, when he began herding cattle in and near Hoopeston, spending all the day in guarding the herd and also many nights. He remembers a time when deer were frequently seen in the neighborhood, while many kinds of wild fowls were to be had in abundance. There were also other wild animals that were a menace to the farm yard and to the settler and the evidences of frontier life could be seen on every hand. The years of his youth passed in earnest and unremitting toil and at length he came to manhood and resolved to establish a home of his own, which he did by his marriage in 1871 to Miss Eliza J. Fortner, a daughter of Elijah Fortner, a native of Indiana.

Following his marriage Mr. Woolverton began farming on his own account and followed that pursuit for about six years, when believing that commercial

interests would prove more profitable he removed to Hoopeston and engaged in the hay trade and in the butchering business. He devoted about six years to that work and at the end of that time began selling farm machinery. His start in the latter business was a very humble one, for he had a capital of less than a thousand dollars, for in his previous business through going security for others he had suffered losses to the extent of twelve thousand dollars. He has continued to deal in farm machinery to the present time and has extended the scope of his activities, handling now a large line of implements, harness and kindred goods. In this connection he has built up a substantial trade that is accorded him in recognition of the fact that he handles a good line and that he is ever reasonable in prices and fair and honorable in his dealings. He has carried on this business with ever increasing success and he is now proprietor of the Hoopeston machine shops and does an extensive business in McCormick harvesters, the Deere plows, buggies, wagons and harness; in fact he carries everything needed upon a farm in connection with its cultivation. He has a machine shop and a general repair shop, forty by one hundred and twenty feet, and part of this is two stories in height. During the busy season he employs fifteen men in the shop and does all kinds of repair work from the repairing of a hammer to a threshing machine. His machine shop and implements are upon the west side of Bank street, the harness and buggy emporium on the east side, but these are near together so that he gives his personal supervision to all branches of his business. He engages in the manufacture as well as the repairing of harness and also repairs buggies. The shop on the east side of the street is fifty by sixty feet and he also has two stores which he rents. The business has constantly grown in volume and importance until it is now the leading industrial and commercial concern of the town and the owner has become one of the substantial residents of Hoopeston. Long since he has regained his lost possessions, pushing forward to continued success in the conduct of the enterprise which has proved to him a profitable one. Moreover, he has proven his worth in many public connections and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his ability and loyalty in citizenship have frequently called him to public office. He served as justice of the peace of Hoopeston for nine years and at the present time is supervisor, having been the incumbent in the office for seventeen years as the result of eight different elections. He has certainly reason to feel a pride at this record as it indicates as nothing else can do the trust and confidence reposed in him by his fellowmen. He was also one of the first aldermen of Hoopeston and in every public position has discharged his duties with a promptness and fidelity that have been above question. He is an active worker in the ranks of the republican party, for he is a firm believer in the efficacy of its principles as factors in good government.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Woolverton were born four children, of whom one son, son, Charles, died in infancy; Nettie S., born in this county, is the wife of Edward R. Knox, of Los Angeles, California; Mont G. Woolverton, born in this county, married Jossie Williams, also a native of this county, and with their three children, Howard, Thomas and Russell, they now reside in California; Ora, the youngest of the family, is deceased.

Mrs. Woolverton is a member of the Christian church and Mr. Woolverton belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen Camp and the Improved Order of Foresters, in all of which he has held office. He is a man whom to know is to esteem and honor and his staunchest friends are those who have known him longest, a fact which indicates an honorable and upright life. His home is pleasantly situated at the corner of Bank and Penn streets and he likewise owns a half block in the center of the town, where he carries on business. He has witnessed marked changes since coming to this locality, in fact has seen almost the entire growth and upbuilding of Hoopes-ton and this part of the state. A contemporary biographer has said of him: "Mr. Woolverton possesses marked energy and keen perception. This enables him to form his plans readily, and he never wavers in carrying them to a successful completion. His close application to business and his excellent management have brought him the high degree of prosperity which is today his."

DAVID A. RICHARDSON.

There is no biographical history in this volume that perhaps indicates more clearly the value of persistent, earnest effort intelligently directed than does that of David A. Richardson, who from his boyhood days has resided in this section of the state and has been closely identified with business affairs that have not only contributed to his individual prosperity but have also been elements in the material growth and progress of the community.

He was born in Monroe county, Indiana, July 27, 1859, and his parents, Abraham and Elizabeth A. (Baultinghouse) Richardson, were also natives of the same county where they were reared and married. They began their domestic life upon a farm in that county, where they resided until 1868, and then came to Illinois, settling three miles south of Sidell, in Edgar county, where the father purchased a small farm, upon which he made his home until his death November 18, 1890. His widow is still living, in her seventy-sixth year and resides on the old homestead. Mr. Richardson was a democrat in his political views but never aspired to office, preferring to perform his public duties as a private citizen. He held membership in the Church of Christ, of which Mrs. Richardson is also a consistent member.

David A. Richardson was reared upon the home farm, coming with his parents to Illinois at the age of nine years. He acquired his education in the public schools and worked upon the farm for his father and also as a farm hand in the employ of others until his twenty-first year. In the spring prior to the attainment of his majority he secured a clerkship in a general store in the village of Palermo, Edgar county, occupying that position for five years, after which he went to Danville and began clerking in a clothing store.

A year later, the railroad having been built from Olney to Sidell, Mr. Richardson went to Hildreth, where he engaged in the grain business, meeting with success in the undertaking from the beginning. He remained at that place for seventeen years, his business steadily increasing throughout the entire period.

He then sold his business and after a residence in Danville of two years came to Sidell, where he organized the First National Bank, which three years later he sold to the private bank of Alexander & Cathcart. The new institution was incorporated under the name of the First National Bank. Since Mr. Richardson disposed of his banking interests he has devoted his time and attention to the supervision of his property. He is today the owner of one thousand acres of land in Edgar county, just across the Vermilion county line, having made extensive and judicious investments in farm lands as his financial resources have increased, so that he receives a splendid income therefrom.

Mr. Richardson was married in 1887 to Miss Clara Loftin of Indianapolis and unto them were born three children, of whom one is yet living, Benjamin F., who is attending the University of Illinois at Urbana. Mrs. Richardson pursued an academic course in the Indianapolis high school and a classical course at the Sisters of Providence, graduating from the latter in 1886. She is a daughter of Dr. Sample and Margaret Jane (Patterson) Loftin, natives of North Carolina and Rush county, Indiana, respectively. The father was born June 19, 1823, and at a very early age removed to Indiana, where he was reared upon a farm and received a good common-school education. Later he entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, and after his graduation engaged in the practice of medicine in Marion county, Indiana. He was also interested in the pork-packing business and in that way made his fortune. In 1876 he was elected treasurer of Marion county but would never accept any other office as his business occupied his entire time. Mrs. Richardson is the youngest of his six children, the others being Mrs. Julia Hall, Melvin Loftin, Mrs. Martha Conderon, Mrs. Ada Jones and Mrs. Laura Mann.

In his political views Mr. Richardson is a stalwart republican but has never been an office seeker. He has served, however, as an alderman at various times and the duties of his position have been discharged with promptness and fidelity. He belongs to the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges, and he and his wife are members of the Christian church—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules which govern his conduct.

L. V. GUNN.

L. V. Gunn, the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 5, Grant township, has been dependent upon his own resources from the early age of fourteen years and the success which he now enjoys has come as the merited reward of his well directed labors and untiring perseverance. His birth occurred in New York on the 20th of November, 1856, his parents being Luther and Lydia (Gage) Gunn, who were likewise natives of the Empire state. The father passed away in Michigan, while the mother was called to her final rest when still a resident of New York. Unto them were born two children, namely: Jennie M., who lives with our subject; and L. V., of this review.

L. V. Gunn attended the common schools until fourteen years of age and then began providing for his own support. Going to La Salle county, Illinois, he there worked as a farm hand for seven years, on the expiration of which period he rented a tract of land, being actively engaged in its cultivation for two years. In 1880 he came to Vermilion county and purchased the farm of one hundred and sixty acres whereon he has resided to the present time. Owing to his enterprise and industry, the property is now lacking in none of the improvements and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century, and the fields annually pay tribute to his labor in rich and bounteous crops.

In 1877 Mr. Gunn was united in marriage to Miss Alice Rogers, a native of La Salle county, Illinois, and a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Ferneigho) Rogers, both of whom were born in England. They emigrated to the United States at an early day, locating in La Salle county, Illinois, where Thomas Rogers passed away. His wife was called to her final rest while a resident of Vermilion county. Their children were three in number. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gunn have been born eight children, as follows: Walter T., a practicing attorney of Danville, Illinois; Roger F., who follows farming in Indiana; Robert L. and Jennie, both at home; Letha A., who is a graduate of the Hoopeston high school and now follows the profession of teaching; Myra; Jessie, who is deceased; and one who died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Gunn is a republican and at the present time holds the office of school director. He has likewise served in the capacity of township trustee. Both he and his wife belong to the Universalist church and are deeply interested in its work. Their earnest Christian lives have won them the respect of all who know them and they have a host of warm friends throughout the community in which they reside.

JOSEPH GIBSON ENGLISH.

Joseph Gibson English, who during the years of his connection with Danville and its interests engaged in merchandising, banking and other business enterprises which contributed largely to the welfare and upbuilding of the city as well as to individual success, was born in Ohio county, Indiana, near the village of Rising Sun, December 17, 1820. His father, Charles English, was a native of New Haven, Connecticut, in which state the family had been represented for several generations. He wedded Miss Anne Wright, who was also of English lineage. The paternal grandfather removed to Nova Scotia but subsequently his children returned to the United States and settled in various localities. Following the time when he took up his abode in Ohio county, Indiana, Charles English engaged in blacksmithing and carpentering and was otherwise identified with industrial interestes. In 1829 he left that locality and became a resident of Perrysville in the Wabash valley.

Joseph Gibson English was a young lad when his parents removed to Perrysville, where he pursued his education in one of the old time log schoolhouses, and at the age of fourteen years started out in life on his own account. He

secured employment with the firm of Taylor & Linton, general merchants of La Fayette, Indiana, with whom he remained for five years. No union scale of labor was then in vogue and he had to begin work in the early morning and continue until his tasks were completed long after dark. On market days, which occurred thrice a week, he arose between three and four o'clock in the morning and swept the store and prepared it for the reception of the Dunkard customers. While thus employed he obtained a good knowledge of merchandising, which constituted the basis of his success when he later embarked in business on his own account. His services were requited by his board and clothing, as it was not the custom to pay wages at that day to one of his years. After five years spent with his first employers he obtained a position as clerk in a general store in Perrysville, where he was paid forty dollars per month. When three years had passed he found himself in possession of four hundred dollars, which he had saved from his earnings, and with this capital he married and established a home of his own, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Hicks, a native of Perrysville and of New England descent.

In 1844 Mr. English became a partner of his father-in-law, George H. Hicks, in a mercantile enterprise under the name of Hicks & English. They carried dry-goods, groceries, produce and grain and soon built up a good business. Merchandise was purchased and sold on credit of twelve months and the products of the central Mississippi valley were transported to market in New Orleans by way of the river route. The marketable products of Indiana and Illinois were sent down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and it was thus that the firm of Hicks & English shipped their wheat, corn, pork and other commodities to New Orleans on flatboats, Mr. English frequently acting as oarsman.

In 1853 Mr. English sold his store in Perrysville and removed to Danville, Illinois, where he entered into partnership with John L. Tincher under the firm name of Tincher & English. This was profitably conducted until 1856, when the firm became the assignees of the Stock Security Bank, a wild cat institution that failed in the widespread financial panic of 1856-7. At that time the firm of Tincher & English disposed of their store in order that they might devote their entire attention to the bank and its interests. While thus engaged they greatly extended the scope of their activities to include the brokerage and exchange business that developed finally into a private banking enterprise. They were among the first to seek a charter and organize a national bank following the passage of the national bank bill in February, 1863. They established the First National Bank of Danville, with a capital of fifty thousand dollars, Mr. English serving as its president from its inception until July, 1899, when he resigned. In 1872, after the death of Mr. Tincher, the capital stock was increased to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars and in the meantime the surplus had become over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. From time to time Mr. English extended his efforts into other fields, becoming one of the heaviest real-estate dealers in this section. He made large investment in farm property and several additions to the city were platted by him. For more than a quarter of a century he served on the directorate of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad and many other enterprises felt the stimulus of his energy, sound judgment and keen business discrimination.

In 1864 Mrs. English passed away. By her marriage she had become the mother of seven children: George; Charles L., who is now the president of the First National Bank of Danville; Harriet, the widow of W. D. Lindsey, of Danville; Irene J., the widow of George W. Partlow, of Danville; John T.; Annie Martha, the deceased wife of Tabor Mathers of Jacksonville; and Edward. On April 12, 1865, Mr. English was again married, his second union being with Maria L. Partlow, who died twenty-one years later, September 16, 1886. Their children were J. C., of Kansas City, Missouri, cashier of the Traders National Bank; and Otis Hardy, who died in infancy. On the 14th of June, 1899, Mr. English was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary E. Forbes, a native of Danville. She was the widow of Thomas C. Forbes and a daughter of William Hessey, a pioneer resident of this county.

Mr. English was prominent in the public life of the community and was honored with election to the mayoralty, being the second temperance mayor of Danville. In 1872 he became a member of the first board of equalization of the state, yet he was not a politician in the usually accepted sense of the term. For years he was a member of the library board and was one of the original members of the board of Spring Hill cemetery, being its last survivor. On attaining his majority he joined the ranks of the democratic party and gave to it his support until 1862, when, at variance with the peace plank in its platform, for he believed in the active prosecution of the war for the preservation of the Union, he became a republican. In 1863 he had charge of the subscription list for filling the quota of men for the army from Danville and the county.

For almost a half century Mr. English held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, contributed generously to its support and took a helpful part in its work, serving as a member of its board of trustees while for fifteen years he was Sunday school superintendent. In 1872 he was elected by the lay delegates of the Illinois conference as a delegate to the general conference of the church held in Brooklyn and later served in a similar capacity. For many years he was a trustee of the Wesleyan University of Bloomington. The death of Mr. English occurred January 17, 1910. He was termed by those who knew him a man of distinct ability, whose character was above the shadow of reproach. No trust reposed in him was ever betrayed in the slightest degree and his success was so worthily won that the most envious could not grudge him his prosperity.

HENRY E. SOUTHWICK.

Henry E. Southwick, owning and operating a fine farm of two hundred and seven acres on section 6, Grant township, was born in Woodford county, Illinois, on the 2d of November, 1863. His parents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Joy) Southwick, were both natives of the state of New York. In the early '50s they journeyed westward, locating on a farm in Woodford county, Illinois, where they made their home until 1875. In that year they disposed of the property and came to Vermilion county, purchasing the farm which is now in possession

of our subject. Thereon they continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives, Joseph Southwick placing many substantial improvements on the farm and meeting with success in the careful conduct of his agricultural interests. He was called to his final rest in September, 1894, while his wife passed away the following year. Unto this worthy couple were born three children, namely: Merritt, of Hoopeston, Illinois; Henry E., of this review; and Arthur, who is a resident of Vandalia, Missouri.

Henry E. Southwick attended the common schools in pursuit of an education and remained at home until twenty-one years of age. On attaining his majority he purchased a farm in Polk county, Missouri, and was actively engaged in its operation for three years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Vermilion county and has since remained on the old homestead, now owning the property. It comprises two hundred and seven acres of rich and productive land on section 6, Grant township, and is well improved in every particular. Year after year he tills his fields, practicing the rotation of crops and cultivating his farm after the most approved methods of modern agriculture. His labors are annually rewarded by bounteous harvests, for which he finds a ready sale on the market.

In 1895 Mr. Southwick was united in marriage to Miss Mattie M. Clements, whose birth occurred in La Salle county, Illinois, in 1864. Her parents, H. C. and S. M. (Bowlby) Clements, are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work.

When exercising his right of franchise Mr. Southwick supports the men and measures of the republican party, being thoroughly in sympathy with its principles. The cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion and he now serves as a school director. His wife is a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Southwick enjoys the unqualified respect and confidence of his friends and neighbors, who know him as an honorable and upright gentleman and a true and loyal citizen.

RICHARD BRUCE THOMPSON.

Richard Bruce Thompson, a substantial and respected resident of Sidell township, devotes his time and energies to the operations of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres. His birth occurred in Elwood township, Vermilion county, Illinois, on the 24th of June, 1862, his parents being William C. and Martha (Golden) Thompson, who were likewise natives of this county. Both the paternal and maternal grandfathers, Golden Thompson and Jacob Golden, were among the earliest settlers of Vermilion county, coming here from Tennessee in the late '20s or early in the '30s.

William C. Thompson, the father of our subject, made his home in Elwood township, this county, until 1881, operating a threshing machine there for eighteen years. He conducted business with two partners under the firm style of Thompson, Coryell & Reardon, which was the best known threshing concern in Elwood township. His premature demise was attributed to his arduous

labor in this connection. In 1881 he removed to Edgar county, there passing away in 1887 at the age of fifty-three years. His wife was called to her final rest in 1897, when in the fifty-ninth year of her age. She was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, the services of which Mr. Thompson also attended. Though not a member of any church, he was a consistent Christian gentleman and shaped his life in accordance with the principles of upright and honorable manhood.

Richard Bruce Thompson remained at home until the time of his marriage, attending the common schools in pursuit of an education. On the 24th of February, 1895, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Anna Jones, of Douglas county, Illinois, her parents being John M. and Hannah (Fields) Jones, who took up their abode in that county after leaving Adams county, Ohio. About 1900 they came to Allerton, Vermilion county, where both passed away. Following his marriage Mr. Thompson remained on the farm in Edgar county to which he had accompanied his parents in 1881 and which he had rented and operated subsequent to his father's demise in 1887. This farm was the property of John M. Jones, the father-in-law of our subject. Mrs. Thompson inherited ninety acres thereof and Mr. Thompson purchased sixty acres. He continued to reside thereon until 1908, when he took up his abode on his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Sidell township, Vermilion county, having bought the property in 1907. He still owns his Edgar county farm and has won a gratifying measure of success in the conduct of his agricultural interests. A man of good business ability and keen discernment, he has also made other investments being now a stockholder in the Allerton Creamery and in a tile and cement concern of Paris, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have one child, Warren B. They are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take a deep and helpful interest in its work. Mr. Thompson gives his political allegiance to the democracy but has never sought office as a reward for his party fealty. Fraternally he is identified with Palermo Lodge, No. 646, I. O. O. F. His entire life has been spent in this part of the state and the circle of his friends is a wide one.

FRED L. KLEIN.

A fact to which due recognition is not always accorded is that Germany has contributed in very large measure to the development and progress of the new world. History indicates the fact that representatives of the Teutonic race have done much toward planting the seeds of civilization in America and promoting later day progress. Mr. Klein is numbered among those whose worth as a citizen and business man reflects credit both upon the land of his nativity and the land of his adoption. He was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, July 11, 1855. His parents, Henry and Katherine (Seeger) Klein, were reared and married in Germany and never became residents of the new world. The father was a chemist and mining engineer and met with an accidental death while inspecting a mine in 1864. His wife also passed away in the same year.

Fred L. Klein was thus left an orphan when a little lad of nine summers. He pursued his education in the schools of the fatherland and in 1872, at the age of seventeen years, came to America, settling first in Baltimore, Maryland, remaining in the east until 1878, when he became a resident of Indiana. He had served an apprenticeship to the apothecary's trade, covering a period of four years and two months. For a brief period he was employed in a drug store in Marshfield, Indiana, in 1878 and then went to Williamsport, Indiana, where he filled a position as drug clerk until 1879. In that year he arrived in Hoopeston and until 1883 was employed by W. T. Hobert, Dr. Pierce and Dr. McCaughey, who were then partners in the conduct of a retail drug store, Mr. Klein acting as manager of the business until 1883, when he removed to Iroquois county, where he engaged in farming for five years. In 1888 he went to Ambia, Indiana, where he established a retail drug business and during his residence there also served as postmaster, under appointment of President Harrison, from 1888 until 1892.

The following year Mr. Klein returned to Hoopeston and was connected with Elliot & Wilson, druggists, until 1896, when he removed to Wellington, where he conducted a drug store for Flagg Brothers for a brief period. Again he came to Hoopeston and purchased the drug stock of J. C. Malster, which business he continued until the fall of 1900, when he sold out to George E. Lester. He then went west, settling in Montana for the purpose of prospecting and mining, remaining in that section of the country until the early part of 1903. At that time he again came to Hoopeston and accepted a position with Hoffman Brothers, with whom he continued until 1906, when he again established a store of his own and today has the finest drug store in the city, dealing exclusively in drugs and druggists' sundries. His stock is large and complete in every particular and the tasteful arrangement of the store and his reasonable prices are also features in his success. While in Montana he discovered a very heavy vein of corundum, a mineral used in the polishing of diamonds and with the exception of diamonds is the hardest substance known. His discovery resulted in bringing to him a considerable sum of money, enabling him to establish the well appointed store in Hoopeston of which he is now proprietor.

Mr. Klein was married in this city on the 13th of April, 1882, to Miss Susan A. Rosenberger, a daughter of George W. Rosenberger and a native of Virginia but a resident of Hoopeston since early childhood. Both of her parents are living, her father being a farmer in Milford township, Iroquois county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Klein have five children: Carrie, who was born in Iroquois county, March 23, 1883; John, who was born on a farm in Iroquois county, December 19, 1885, and now serving as city treasurer of Hoopeston, to which position he was elected in April, 1910; Katherine, who was born on a farm in Iroquois county, June 21, 1888, and is now a teacher of expression at Campbell Hagerman College in Lexington, Kentucky; Thomas, born at Ambia, Indiana, August 6, 1891, and now a student in the Medico Chirurgical College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Karl, who was born in Hoopeston, June 26, 1894, and is attending the public schools.

Politically Mr. Klein is a republican and at times an active worker in the ranks of the party. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, in which

he was reared. Coming to America in early manhood, he has since worked his way steadily upward, so that he has no occasion to regret his determination to seek a home and fortune on this side the Atlantic. Persistent labor has been the keynote of his success and he has at all times been found as a representative and reliable business man, honored and respected by all who know him.

HUGH HEATON.

On the list of honored dead of Vermilion county appears the name of Hugh Heaton, who for about two decades was closely associated with the sheep-raising industry in Vermilion county, while later he lived retired in Hoopeston, spending the last few years of his life there in the enjoyment of a well earned and well merited rest. He was born in Coshocton, Ohio, April 15, 1822, his father being Isaac Heaton, a native of Pennsylvania, who removed from that state to Coshocton, Ohio. In early life he had learned and followed the cooper's trade but after going to the Buckeye state turned his attention to farming.

Hugh Heaton pursued his education in the schools of Ohio and Pennsylvania, and after completing his literary course engaged in teaching school for three years. Subsequently he studied medicine for three years under Dr. Culver, of Coshocton, Ohio, and lacked one year of graduation when he turned his attention to the stock-raising business in connection with his preceptor, making a specialty of sheep. In 1864 he came to Vermilion county, bringing with him twenty-one hundred head of sheep, which he herded upon the prairies of Grant township. He found a ready market for the sale of his live stock, and as the years passed attained substantial and gratifying prosperity. He made judicious investment in property until he became the owner of nearly one thousand acres of land, but in the wide-spread financial panic of 1873 he became involved, as did thousands of others, and lost heavily. He continued in the sheep-raising industry until 1882, and during the intervening years largely retrieved his lost possessions, so that he retired from business with a handsome competence that supplied him with the necessities and comforts of life during his remaining days and enabled him to leave his family a goodly competence when he was called to his final rest.

Mr. Heaton was twice married. In early manhood he wedded Olivia McCoy, and unto them were born four sons and one daughter, of whom two are now living: Joseph W. Heaton, a well known clothier of Hoopeston; and Isaac L. Heaton, a resident farmer of Kansas. On the 4th of May, 1864, Mr. Heaton was married to Miss Mary R. Reece, a daughter of David W. and Nancy Wilson Reece, natives of Tennessee, who removed from that state to Indiana, where they cast in their lot among the pioneer farmers. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Heaton was blessed with five children, two daughters and three sons: Nancy, now the wife of L. H. Griffith; Alice A., at home; Dr. John A. Heaton, a practicing physician of Hoopeston; Orth W., a business man of Hoopeston; and Reece, living in Wyoming.

In his political views Mr. Heaton was a republican from the time of the organization of the party. He was a public-spirited man, cooperating in various measures that he regarded as of essential worth to the community. He belonged to the First Methodist church and in early life became a member of the Masonic fraternity. He enjoyed meeting with his friends, possessing a most social nature and a kind and loving disposition. To his family he was a devoted husband and father and his many good qualities were recognized by all who knew him. He died December 9, 1885, and although a quarter of a century has since come and gone, his memory is cherished by many who knew him. His business activity was a valued element in the early progress of the county, especially along agricultural and kindred lines, and at all times his genuine worth firmly established him in the regard of those with whom he was associated.

WILLIAM KAVANAUGH.

The enduring gratitude of all lovers of liberty is due to the soldiers who upheld the stars and stripes at the time the union of the states was threatened and by their sacrifices and sufferings the men who wore the blue not only set free three million slaves, but they established the American republic on a safe and enduring foundation, so that it is today the greatest nation the sun shines upon. Among the men who fought and suffered in the Civil war may be named William Kavanaugh, who in his earlier years was called upon to endure more than ordinary troubles but at last he established himself in a happy home, of which he is now the head.

He was born in New York city, December 25, 1846, and is of sturdy Irish parentage, a son of William and Sarah (Bloomer) Kavanaugh, who were both born on the Emerald isle. The father came to America early in the nineteenth century and followed a seafaring life, becoming captain of a vessel. He died on the seas and the mother departed this life in New York city. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kavanaugh, our subject being the only one now living.

William Kavanaugh remained under the care of his mother until he was nine years of age and in 1856 came to Vermilion county, since which time he has been identified with its farming interests. He was educated in the public schools and worked on the farm, but when President Lincoln needed volunteers to assist those already in the field in the suppression of the rebellion, Mr. Kavanaugh, then eighteen yeears of age, enlisted in Company B, Sixty-third Indiana Regiment, to serve for three years or until the close of the war. He proved a brave and efficient soldier and participated in some of the greatest battles of the war. He was present at the second battle of Bull Run, and at the battle of Buzzard's Roost, May 10, 1864, he was dangerously wounded, so that he was sent to a hospital, where he lay for almost a year before he was sufficiently recovered to move about. He was honorably discharged and mustered out at Indianapolis and, laying aside his uniform and the accoutrements

of war, he returned to Vermilion county, where he has since continued as a farmer and live-stock raiser.

On October 8, 1879, Mr. Kavanaugh was united in marriage to Miss Lisie D. Schultz, who was born in Germany, March 2, 1859. Her father died in the old country but her mother came to America with her children in 1867 and remained here until her death. She was the mother of three girls. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Kavanaugh has been blessed by eight children: Sarah, the wife of H. V. Moore, of South Bend, Indiana; William B., a graduate of the high school and a resident of Hoopeston; Mamie B., a graduate of Greer College; Edith, Ruth, Anna B. and Minnie B., all at home; and Julia P., deceased.

Mr. Kavanaugh has ever since arriving at manhood been a warm supporter of the republican party and for seventeen years past he has served as township clerk. Socially he is identified with Harmon Post, No. 115, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he has served for seventeen years as treasurer. He and his estimable wife are both active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and by their public-spirit and interest in others they have attracted many friends who hold them in high esteem as worthy workers in the cause of humanity.

SAMUEL UMBANHOWAR.

Samuel Umbanhowar, who has been successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land on sections 19 and 20, Grant township. His birth occurred in Champaign county, Illinois, on the 17th of July, 1848, his parents being Samuel and Juliana (Spencer) Umbanhowar, who were natives of Virginia and Ohio respectively. They came to Illinois in 1835, locating in Champaign county, where the father entered a tract of land. There he carried on farming interests throughout the remainder of his life, passing away on the 16th of April, 1861. His wife was called to her final rest in August, 1876. Their children were nine in number, as follows: Samuel, of this review; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Z. T. Moran and resides in Nebraska; James, who makes his home in Champaign county, Illinois; Abigail, the wife of A. C. Smith, of Livingston county, Illinois; and five who are deceased.

Samuel Umbanhowar pursued his education in the common schools and under the able direction of his father he gained an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits during his boyhood and youth. When a young man of twenty-three he took charge of the old homestead farm, operating it for some years. Subsequently he came to Vermilion county, first purchasing and locating upon a tract of eighty acres on section 20, Grant township. After improving the property he bought an additional tract of similar size on section 19, so that his holdings now embrace a quarter section of land. He has brought the place under a high state of cultivation, and his neat premises, good buildings and well tilled fields testify to his executive ability and knowledge of farming.

On the 26th of February, 1874, Mr. Umbanhowar was united in marriage to Miss Elnora Williams, who was born in McLean county, Illinois, on the 18th of October, 1856, her parents being William and Abigail (Dean) Williams. The father's birth occurred in McLean county in 1832, while the mother is a native of Knox county, Ohio. William Williams was called to his final rest in September, 1903, but his widow still survives at the age of seventy-seven years and makes her home at Hoopeston. They had six children, three of whom are yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Umbanhowar are the parents of six children, as follows: Nellie, who is the wife of R. J. Canady and lives in Missouri; J. G., living on a farm in Grant township; and Charles A., May, William S. and Frank O., all at home.

In politics Mr. Umbanhowar is a stanch republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to positions of public trust. He ably served as commissioner for ten years and has been school director for a period of fifteen years. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest. Mr. Umbanhowar has spent his entire life in this part of the state and the circle of his friends is therefore a wide one.

JOHN O. TALBERT.

Among the brave soldiers of the Civil war who freely offered their lives to uphold the stars and stripes and are yet living to enjoy the blessings for which they fought may be named John O. Talbert, a well known farmer of Danville township, Vermilion county. He was born at Waterloo, Indiana, April 30, 1842, and is a son of Henry and Mary Ann (Gouty) Talbert. His father was a farmer of Vermilion county, Indiana, where he owned two hundred and thirty acres of land and he also became the owner of one hundred acres in this county, where our subject now lives.

John O. Talbert was educated in the public schools and was early inducted into the operations of the farm, for which he has always shown a natural adaptability. After arriving at nineteen years of age, the great Rebellion having stirred the nation to its depths, he enlisted in Company H, Twentieth Indiana Volunteers, in July, 1861, and after having been drilled for a short time was sent with the regiment to the front where he participated in a number of engagements, among them Old Point Comfort, Fortress Monroe, and in other engagements, and in the flood at Cape Hatteras. At the end of seven months he was discharged on account of disability and stayed home one summer. In August, 1863, he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Fifteenth Indiana Volunteers, and continued in the service until the close of the war.

After receiving his honorable discharge Mr. Talbert returned home and on February 27, 1867, he located in Vermilion county upon a rented farm and here began operations upon his own account. There were very few improvements upon the land and it required a large amount of labor in those days to produce any satisfactory returns. Later he bought eighty-eight acres of land that was



MR. AND MRS. JOHN O. TALBERT



partly broken and has increased the area of his farm and developed it upon a scale that has made it one of the valuable farming properties of this region. He has also devoted some attention to stock-raising and in his various undertakings has displayed a judgment which is highly creditable and evidences of which may be seen in the comfortable family residence and the well planned surroundings and also in the general appearance of the entire farm. As an autioneer he was well known throughout this section of the state for many years, but has now turned over that business to his son-in-law, Robert Price.

On the 27th of February, 1867, Mr. Talbert was united in marriage to Miss Harriett B. Dennis, a native of this county, whose father at one time owned the land on which our subject now lives. Ten children have been born to them, seven of whom are still living: Rachel, now Mrs. Nolan; Minnie, who married Ervin Macomson and they died leaving two children now living with Mr. and Mrs. Talbert; David, a farmer of Danville township; Mrs. Maude M. Price, Mrs. Lottie Jumps, Robert L., and Josephine. Mr. Talbert was made guardian of the seven children of T. J. Welsh, a relative of the family, and they were reared by him until they were married and started out in life for themselves. The seven children of George Sapt, a relative of Mrs. Talbert, were also under his guardianship until grown and he also had charge of their estate.

Mr. Talbert is an earnest supporter of the republican party and, while he has not sought political honor, he has served as school trustee for many years and for twelve years acted as commissioner of highways, discharging his duties with a fidelity that met the general approval of the people. Mr. and Mrs. Talbert have reared a large family and their lives have been governed by principles of industry and justice, that are recognized the world over as enduring and of most worth. Mr. Talbert was a valiant soldier under the Civil war and in his business and private affairs he has maintained the same standard that carried him successfully through his early career and has always been to him an encouragement and support.

ARMOUR E. HEATON.

It is a pleasure to meet a successful man. He conveys an idea of confidence and energy and it is by contact with such men that we receive new strength and go forth to meet the world with new courage and resolution, leading in many instances to an entire revolution in character. It is also a pleasure to write of a successful man and there is no doubt that the records contained in this work will be of lasting benefit to many who read them, thereby gaining new inspiration for the great battle, in which no substitute is accepted, and each is required to fight it out on his own account. Among the successful men of Grant township, Vermilion county, may be named Armour E. Heaton, who was born March 1, 1862, in Coshocton county, Ohio, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Deviny) Heaton, the former born in Coshocton county in 1824, and the latter a native of Pennsylvania. The father came to Vermilion county in 1865 and bought a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres, which he

increased to two hundred acres, becoming one of the prosperous farmers of the county. He departed this life in 1891, after an active and useful career in which he exemplified the teachings of the Christian church and became universally respected wherever he was known.

The subject of this review grew up as a farmer boy and was educated in the district schools. Under his father he became thoroughly acquainted with the various operations of agriculture and stock-raising and, desiring to carry on business independently, he purchased forty acres of land in 1892, which he proceeded diligently to develop. Later he added forty acres to his original holding and when a favorable opportunity presented itself sold his farm and bought one hundred acres in section 32, Grant township. After holding this land for a time he disposed of it, purchasing one hundred and fifty-three acres on section 3, the same township, and here he has since resided, making it one of the attractive spots in the region.

On February 9, 1892, Mr. Heaton was united in marriage to Miss Ella Jane Cronkhite, a daughter of Stephen Cronkhite, of this county. Mrs. Heaton has proven to her husband a faithful and sympathetic companion, and five children have been born to them, four of whom are living, Joseph, Carroll, Alma and Nellie.

Mr. and Mrs. Heaton are actively identified with the Christian church and are earnest believers in the teachings upon which the church is founded. Since arriving at maturity he has affiliated with the republican party and votes for the men and measures that he believes are best adapted to advance the welfare of the state and nation. In all his acts Mr. Heaton is governed by a high sense of duty and by his integrity and worth he has gained the friendship of the best people in this region.

CHARLES ADAM JACKSON.

Charles Adam Jackson, the owner of ninety-eight acres of rich and productive land on section 17, Sidell township, is an agriculturist of recognized ability. His birth occurred on the farm where he now resides, his natal day being April 5, 1861. His parents, Adam and Alicia (Hutt) Jackson, were natives of Kentucky and Virginia respectively. Their marriage was celebrated in the Old Dominion, where Adam Jackson had gone as a young man. Soon afterward, in the early '40s, they came to Vermilion county, Illinois, and located in Sidell township, their nearest neighbor being some five miles distant. Here Adam Jackson continued to reside throughout the remainder of his life, accumulating two hundred and forty acres of land. His demise occurred in 1864, when our subject was but three years of age. The widowed mother kept the family together, rearing her children to manhood and womanhood.

Charles Adam Jackson undertook the management of the home farm when but fourteen years of age, his older brothers having left the parental roof. He continued the operation of the home place until the time of his marriage, being joined in wedlock on the 28th of August, 1901, to Miss Addie Belle Price,

of Fairmount, Vermilion county. The following spring he erected his present residence and continued farming on the tract of seventy-one acres on section 17, Sidell township, which he had purchased prior to his marriage. He has since bought twenty-seven acres more, so that his farm now embraces ninety-eight acres. The neat and attractive appearance of the place indicates his careful supervision and practical and progressive methods, and his labors in the fields are annually rewarded by bounteous harvests of golden grain.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jackson was born one child, Eugene, who is deceased. Mr. Jackson is a democrat in politics, but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. However, he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and at the present time acts as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with Sidell Lodge, No. 798, A. F. & A. M., while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. His entire life has been spent within the borders of Vermilion county and he enjoys the respect and confidence of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

JASPER NEWTON SMITH.

Among the well known citizens of Grant township is Jasper Newton Smith, the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and forty-three acres which he accumulated through his energy and good judgment in agricultural operations. It required years of well directed labor for Mr. Smith to establish himself independently, but after the foundations of success are laid, the superstructure is built with comparative ease when the builder continues wide-awake, taking due advantage of opportunities for further advancement as they arise.

Born in Center county, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1851, he is the son of Daniel Monroe and Caroline Jane (Gardner) Smith. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, born November 17, 1817. He was a farmer by occupation and came to Illinois in 1867, locating in Kendall county, where he bought a farm and lived to the time of his death. There were eight children in the family, seven of whom are now living, our subject being fourth in order of birth.

Jasper N. Smith was educated in the public schools of Kendall county and reared under the care of his father and mother, becoming early acquainted with farming operations, for which he seemed from boyhood to have special aptitude. After arriving at man's estate, desirous of improving his condition and believing that favorable advantages were to be found in Vermilion county, he here rented land, which he successfully cultivated for six years. At the end of this time he bought eighty acres of land on section 28, Grant township, which he improved and made his home place, increasing his holdings as time passed until now he has one of the highly productive farms of the township. He is also a stockholder of the Independent Harvester Works and the Farmers Elevator Company and is a zealous worker in any movement that aims to assist the farmers of his community.

On the 7th of March, 1881, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Charity Ann Gallup, a daughter of Daniel W. and Charity W. Gallup, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Ohio. Mr. Gallup was of good Revolutionary stock and the family has in its possession a gold-headed cane with a snuffbox in the head, which, according to records, was brought to America in the Mayflower by John W. Gallup, an ancestor of this family. Daniel W. Gallup was a soldier of the Civil war and served in the Union army, enlisting at Pontiac, Illinois, and continuing until 1865. He was mustered out as sergeant of his company. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gallup: Charity Ann, now Mrs. Smith; Mary, the wife of Wesley Drew; Lizzie H., now Mrs. George Lithgow; D. W., deceased; Grace W., the wife of Louis E. Alkire; and Ruth L., now Mrs. William Kite.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith had one son, Ernest Monroe, who was an unusually promising boy but was called to the unseen world when eleven years of age. Although he passed away eleven years ago, his memory has been kept green not only in the minds of his parents but in the minds of many who knew him and were acquainted with his estimable qualities. Though dead, yet he speaketh. After the departure of their beloved son their attention was attracted to the wants of orphan children and up to the present time they have reared five orphans, giving them a good start in the world. They are also paying for the support and education of an orphan girl in India, who lost her parents in the famine which visited that country, causing great devastation among the population. The benevolence of Mr. and Mrs. Smith finds many ways of expression and the passing stranger who stops at their door, if he is less fortunate than themselves, is never turned away unassisted. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are both active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the high esteem in which they are held throughout the region is the effect of their upright lives and their efforts at all times to assist in advancing the permanent welfare of those with whom they are associated.

MARION FRANCIS DICKERSON.

Marion Francis Dickerson, a well known farmer and stockman residing on section 29, Sidell township, was born in Carroll township, Vermilion county, Illinois, on the 4th of January, 1863. His parents, Francis M. and Priscilla (Ramsey) Dickerson, were natives of Kentucky and Miami county, Ohio, respectively. They came to Vermilion county with their respective parents in early life and following their marriage settled on a farm near Georgetown, this county. Francis M. Dickerson enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry, and died as the result of an attack of the measles, passing away at Nashville, Tennessee, in December, 1862, prior to the birth of our subject. His widow afterward married L. A. Ashby, with whom she removed to Kansas. They returned to this county in 1880 and it was here that the mother of our subject passed away in 1894.

Marion F. Dickerson was reared by an uncle, Joseph Ramsey, of Sidell township, this county, of whose household he became a member when a little lad of six years. At the early age of fourteen or fifteen years, however, he left his uncle's roof and began providing for his own support by working for neighboring farmers. His time was thus busily occupied during the summer seasons, while in the winter months he attended school, continuing his studies until about eighteen years of age. Since putting aside his text-books he has devoted his entire attention to general agricultural pursuits.

In 1888, when twenty-five years of age, Mr. Dickerson was united in marriage to Miss Nettie M. Gray, of Champaign, Illinois. During that summer he worked for a cattle man and in the spring of 1890 started out as an agriculturist on his own account, renting the farm of Mrs. Alice Tincher and residing thereon continuously for sixteen years. During that period he cultivated as high as four hundred acres of land. In 1902 he purchased his present farm, operating it in connection with the Tincher place until 1906. In that year he removed to his own home in Sidell township and has since given his time and energies to the further cultivation and improvement of his farm—a tract of land comprising eighty acres. He is also successfully identified with live-stock interests, raising shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs and breeding horses on quite an extensive scale. He is likewise a stockholder in the Allerton Creamery and well deserves recognition among the prosperous and representative citizens of his native county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dickerson have been born two children, namely: Guy H., who has been educated in the public and high schools and is at home; and Francis Marion, who is likewise still under the parental roof.

Mr. Dickerson is a stalwart democrat in politics but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. His fraternal relations are with Sidell Lodge, No. 225, I. O. O. F., at Sidell; Sidell Lodge, No. 798, A. F. & A. M.; and the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and take a deep and helpful interest in its work. Mr. Dickerson is a self-made man, dependent upon his own resources from an early age, working earnestly for the success which he has achieved, realizing ever that "there is no excellence without labor." He is a man of good business ability, of exemplary habits and upright character, is worthy the trust of his fellowmen and fully merits the good will which is uniformly extended him.

FRANK S. GOODWINE.

Among the family names well known in Illinois and Indiana on account of the high character of its members and their success as agriculturists and live-stock raisers is that of Goodwine. Frank S. Woodwine, whose name stands at the head of this review, belongs to this family and was born in Warren county, Indiana, January 16, 1863. He is the son of Abner and Barbara (Pence) Goodwine, both of whom were born in Bartholomew county, Indiana. The father spent his early years in that county and then moved to Warren county,

where he became a leading farmer, accumulating four thousand acres of land, part of which he has given to his children. He and his daughter Leola are now living at the old homestead, enjoying the fruits of many years of diligence and good management. In the family were twelve children, nine of whom are now living.

Frank S. Goodwine was reared by kind and loving parents, possessing the advantages of a peaceful home, which are of much greater importance in determining one's career in after life than anything else that could be named. He attended the district school and became thoroughly inducted under his father into all the operations of the farm, so that when he arrived at manhood he was one of the best posted young farmers in the region. He remained in Warren county until he was thirty-one years of age. In 1894 he came to Vermilion county, Illinois, and by applying the same principles that he had been taught by his father he attained great success in his adopted state, at the present time being owner of a farm of five hundred and twenty acres, which is known as one of the most completely equipped farms in the county. Being systematic and thorough in his operations, Mr. Goodwine has met with the reward that is usually the result of industry and well directed ability and in the course of sixteen years he has developed a farming property of which he may justly be proud and which is a monument to his energy and progressive spirit.

In 1895 Mr. Goodwine was happily united in marriage to Miss Alice Dice, and five children have blessed their union, Abner, Dice, Mildred, Harry and George J. Although Mr. Goodwine has contributed his part toward the up-building of the farming interests of this region, he has not been attracted to politics, preferring to devote his energy to his private affairs. He is known as a man of the strictest integrity, always giving patient attention to arguments on the opposite side of any cause in which he is concerned and willing to be convinced by a reasonable presentation—a man of open, generous nature, thoroughly honest in all business dealings, clear sighted, fearless and true.

WALTER H. SMITH.

Walter H. Smith, now serving as general manager for Morris & Company at Danville, is one of the leading young business men of this city. He was born in North Bloomfield, Ohio, on the 23d of October, 1880, his parents being John W. and Alice Mary (Flower) Smith. His father is engaged in rail-roading. On the paternal side Mr. Smith is of Scotch descent, while his maternal ancestors came to America on the Mayflower. His grandmother, who bore the maiden name of Clara Bushnell, was a first cousin of Mark Hanna, the well known statesman of Ohio.

At the usual age Walter H. Smith entered the public schools of Bellevue, Ohio, and until his eighteenth year continued to devote his attention principally to the acquirement of an education. After leaving school he served four years' apprenticeship to the candymaking trade and in 1900 embarked in that business at Lorain, Ohio, where he continued in the manufacture of candy for

about two years. Then having an opportunity to sell at an advantage, he disposed of his business there and accepted a position with the Elyria Candy Company of Elyria, Ohio, being traveling salesman for that concern for about four years. He was next with the Ware Candy Company of Akron, Ohio, for two years and at the end of that time went to Chicago, where he entered the service of Morris & Company, packers, as bookkeeper. A year later, however, he was offered the position of general manager of their plant at Danville. Accepting the position, he removed to this city where he has since had charge of their affairs, conducting the same in a most able and satisfactory manner. He is a man of good business and executive ability and is prompt and faithful in the discharge of any duty devolving upon him.

At Memphis, Tennessee, May 17, 1908, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Smith to Miss Eleanore Hope Iseman, a native of Chicago and a daughter of Samuel Iseman, and they now have a little daughter, Alice, born in Danville, March 13, 1910. Politically Mr. Smith is affiliated with the republican party and religiously holds membership in the Church of Christ. He is a great lover of baseball and all outdoor sports and in these finds his chief source of recreation.

THOMAS B. WILLIAMS.

Thomas B. Williams, a well known and leading resident of Sidell, now holds the office of postmaster and is likewise the editor of the Sidell Journal. His birth occurred in Highland county, Ohio, on the 14th of August, 1857, his parents being John and Nancy (Corby) Williams. The father was born in Brown county, Ohio, in 1812, while the mother first opened her eyes to the light of day in Pocahontas county, West Virginia, in 1826. The paternal grandfather of our subject, who was of Scotch origin, participated in the war of 1812. In 1864 John Williams removed westward with his family, locating on a farm in Edgar county, Illinois. Following his arrival in this state he resided in Edgar and Coles counties until the time of his wife's death, after which he made his home with a daughter in Bloomington, there passing away at the age of seventy-five years.

Thomas B. Williams received but a limited education in his youthful years and after attaining his majority he determined to continue his studies in order that he might be better equipped for the practical and responsible duties of life. Therefore he worked at farm labor during the summer months and in the winter seasons attended the Tuscola high school, his classmates being children of twelve years of age. Subsequently he took up the profession of teaching, thus obtaining the funds that made it possible for him to pursue a course in the State Normal School at Bloomington. He attended that institution for four terms, doing odd jobs in order to help defray his expenses. For twenty years he was actively identified with educational interests as an instructor, acting as principal of the Broadwell schools for two years, as principal of the New Holland schools for nine years and as grammar room teacher of the Sidell schools for four years. During a period of five years he taught in the district schools. In 1900 he pur-

chased the newspaper plant in Sidell and for four years followed teaching in connection with his editorial duties. He still owns the Sidell Journal and conducts the paper in accordance with the most modern and progressive ideas of journalism. On the 4th of February, 1908, he was appointed postmaster of Sidell, taking charge of the office on the 1st of March following, since which time he has proven a most efficient incumbent in the position.

On the 4th of August, 1886, Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Anna Lucas, of Douglas county, Illinois, by whom he has three children, namely: Ernest C., second lieutenant in the United States marine corps, who is now located in Washington, D. C.; Lulu Hazel, a graduate of the Sidell high school, who is now a sophomore in the University of Illinois; and Genevieve, who is a student in the Sidell high school. On the 5th of January, 1907, at Danville, Ernest C. Williams enlisted in the marine corps as a private and in November, 1908, passed his examination for promotion, being appointed second lieutenant on the 4th of February, 1909. He carried a gun for only two months and did actual duty, while at the end of six months he was made a corporal and within a year had become a sergeant. In two years' time he had received his commission as second lieutenant, winning the tenth highest grade in a class of two hundred and ten, two hundred and four of whom were college graduates and only four of whom were from the ranks. He had left high school when sixteen years of age and worked in his father's newspaper office until the time of his enlistment. At present he is stationed at the Washington navy yard.

Mr. Williams is a republican in politics and a well known worker in the local ranks of the party, having repeatedly served as central committeeman. Fraternally he is identified with Sidell Lodge, No. 798, A. F. & 'A' M.; Sidell Lodge, No. 225, I. O. O. F.; and the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife belong to the Christian church and exemplify its teachings in their daily lives. He is a representative of that class of men whose history will ever be of interest—men who have made their own way in the world, depending upon their own resources and working upward by reason of force of character and determined and laudable ambition.

HAMILTON C. FINLEY.

Hamilton C. Finley, numbered among the most enterprising, far-sighted and successful business men of Hoopeston, where he is now engaged in the grain trade, is also mayor of the city and as its chief executive officer is actuated by spirit of unfaltering loyalty and devotion to the public welfare. The high regard entertained for him by his fellowmen has its root in his sterling qualities of character which find expression in his reliability in business as well as his progressiveness in citizenship.

Mr. Finley was born in Benton county, Indiana, September 13, 1857. His father, Robert Finley, was born near Belfast, Ireland, and was of Scotch-Irish lineage. He came to America in 1850, settling first in Indianapolis, after which he removed to Benton county, Indiana, where he lived until 1880. In that year

he took up his abode on a farm near Hoopeston and devoted ten years to general agricultural pursuits. He then left the farm and lived retired in Hoopeston until called to the home beyond. His death occurred November 16, 1908. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Berley, also came of Scotch-Irish ancestry. They were married in Ireland and the death of Mrs. Finley occurred in Hoopeston about 1890. In their family were fourteen children, of whom seven are yet living.

The common schools of his native county afforded Hamilton C. Finley his early educational privileges, while later he spent six months in the high school at Oxford, but put aside his text-books at the age of sixteen years. He afterward worked upon his father's farm and for other farmers in the neighborhood until twenty-seven years of age, but he felt that the life was a restricted one, giving him little opportunity for advancement, and in August, 1884, he came to Hoopeston, where he engaged in the meat business, for during his life upon the farm he acquired sufficient knowledge to enable him to undertake this venture. He conducted a meat market for five years, securing a fair measure of success, but at the end of that time he sold out and turned his attention to the purchase and shipment of live stock. He made his purchases in Hoopeston and the surrounding country and shipped to Chicago and Buffalo, New York. He was also identified with that business for five years. In 1891 he extended his efforts to the grain trade, with which he became connected at Hoopeston and at Cheneyville, operating under the name of the Cheneyville Elevator Company at the latter place and the Farmers Elevator Company at Hoopeston. He became secretary and manager of the Cheneyville company and president of the Farmers Elevator Company. In 1896 the former company dissolved and in 1905 the Farmers Elevator Company was merged with the Illinois Lumber, Grain & Coal Company, of which Mr. Finley is the president and manager. This company is conducting an extensive and satisfactory business, handling lumber, grain, lime and coal. They are among the foremost representatives of these lines of trade not only in Hoopeston but in this section of the state, having secured an extensive patronage which makes their undertaking a very profitable one. In 1898 Mr. Finley also engaged in general contracting, his operations extending to all parts of the state, while in Hoopeston he has paved more than two-thirds of the streets. His splendid business ability is manifest in his successful conduct of these various enterprises. He is a man of resolute spirit and what he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion. He possessed unfaltering energy and allows no obstacle or difficulty to brook his path if such can be overcome by determination and honorable purpose.

In the meantime Mr. Finley has filled various local offices. In the spring of 1890 he was elected tax collector of Hoopeston and of the township, filling the position for two years. He was member of the school board for twelve years, from 1892 until 1904, and is the present mayor of Hoopeston, having been elected in 1909 for a two years' term. His administration of the office has helped to make Hoopeston the model city that it is today. Throughout the period of his residence here his influence has always been a factor on the side of progress and improvement and in the administration of financial duties he has brought to bear the same careful and enterprising spirit which he has manifested in the

conduct of his private interests. While a democrat in politics he cannot be said to be a politician in the usually accepted sense of the term. He has filled public offices from the sense of duty and his loyalty therein stands as an unquestioned fact in his career.

On the 7th of December, 1884, Mr. Finley was married to Miss Jenette Atkinson, a daughter of Harvey Atkinson, and a native of Ohio. They have one child, Fay, born January 8, 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Finley hold membership in the Universalist church and for twenty-eight years he has been a faithful member of the Masonic' fraternity. He is identified with the Commercial Club of Hoopeston and in his life there has ever been maintained an even balance between his business and his public activities, his acts and his motives. His is indeed an honorable and creditable record, for he started out in life empty-handed and has depended upon his own resources for advancement. His progress is due to the fact that he has made wise use of his opportunities, not fearing that laborious attention to detail which is so necessary to success in any field.

WILLIAM T. PANKEY.

William T. Pankey, a worthy and successful representative of the professional interests of Vermilion county, has been engaged in the practice of law in Danville since 1900. He claims Illinois as his native state, his birth occurring in Greene county on the 24th of November, 1862. His father was Thomas L. Pankey, who was a farmer by occupation, but when the Civil war broke out he laid aside all personal interests and enlisted in the army, being in the service for three years. He was a member of the Ninety-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry and died while home on a furlough at the early age of twenty-six years. He, too, was a native of Greene county, Illinois, but the mother of our subject was born in Alabama. The Pankey family is of French origin and was founded in America by the Huguenots who, on account of religious persecution, came to America about 1700. They landed in New York but later went south and the grandfather of our subject was born in North Carolina. In 1820 he came to Illinois and settled in Greene county, at which time there was only one person living between their home and the settlements north of the Sangamon river to Alton. The state at that time was divided into only five counties and the region round about was an unbroken wilderness. With its development and upbuilding the family has now been actively identified for almost a century.

During his boyhood, William T. Pankey attended the common schools of Greene and Macoupin counties and later entered the Lincoln University, from which he was graduated in 1886 with the degree of Ph. B., and he has since secured the degree of Ph. M., from his alma mater. Choosing the legal profession as his life work, he studied toward that end and on his admission to the bar, located in Palmyra, where he was engaged in general practice for several years. He then removed to Watseka, this state, where he followed his

profession from 1890 to 1900 and then came to Danville, which has since been the scene of his labors. Here he has built up a large and lucrative practice and is now numbered among the prominent attorneys of the city.

On the 23rd of June, 1886, in Fairmount, Illinois, Mr. Pankey was united in marriage to Miss Eva F. Dougherty, a daughter of James M. Dougherty. Her parents were early settlers of Fairmount and both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Pankey now have three children: Loyette I., who was born December 21, 1887, and is now the wife of Curtis G. Redden, an attorney of Danville; Dwight M., born July 17, 1890; and Thomas Lorton, born June 6, 1900.

At the polls Mr. Pankey usually supports the men and measures of the republican party but has never been an aspirant for political honors. He was, however, called upon to serve as master in chancery of Iroquois county, being elected to that office in 1898 for a term of two years. Religiously he holds membership in the Presbyterian church. He is a man of easy dignity, frank and cordial in address, possessing that confidence and courage which rightly come from conscientious personal ability, a right conception of things and habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities. He is one of Danville's respected and progressive citizens, well deserving of mention among the representative residents of Vermilion county.

WALTER E. WINN.

Walter E. Winn, now serving as city engineer of Danville, claims Alabama as his native state, his birth occurring in Dallas county, on the 28th of December, 1871. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Eliza Ellerbe, died in 1879, but his father, Dr. Henry J. Winn, is still living and is today a leading physician and surgeon of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Reared and educated in the south, Walter E. Winn attended the public schools of Alabama and later the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, that state, where he pursued an engineering course and was graduated in 1892. Having received a good practical training in his chosen profession, he then took up the practice of engineering near Birmingham, Alabama, but in January, 1896, removed to St. Louis, Missouri, where he became associated with various railroads, including the Frisco, Cotton Belt and Missouri Pacific. He was principally engaged in the construction of new lines through the states and territories of the southwest, but May 20, 1905, he came to Danville as superintendent of construction for Hegeler Brothers, building their zinc smelting works south of the city. In July, 1907, he opened an office in Danville as consulting engineer and continued to carry on business along that line until appointed city engineer by Mayor Platt on the 8th of June, 1909. He has since filled that position to the entire satisfaction of all concerned and well deserves the public trust that has been reposed in him.

On the 29th of June, 1898, in St. Louis, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Winn and Miss Emma Frances Coulter, a daughter of W. Frank and Emma Coulter, natives of New Hampshire. While living in the east the father

served as editor on the New York World for a time, but at an early day removed to St. Louis, where he and his wife now reside. Mr. and Mrs. Winn have four children, as follows: Frances Clare, born in St. Louis, June 6, 1899; Eliza Ellerbe, born in St. Louis, February 5, 1903; Walter Coulter, born in Danville, August 29, 1905; and Jane Van Voorhees, born in Aberdeen, Mississippi, May 2, 1909.

When a young man Mr. Winn served as a member of the Alabama State Militia during the years 1892 and 1894 and while in college became a member of the Beta Theta Pi, a Greek letter fraternity. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian and today is a member of the Industrial Club. Politically he is a staunch advocate of the principles of the democratic party and never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes will advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of the community in which he resides. He has the gift of easily making friends and, although his residence in Danville is of short duration, he has already become widely and favorably known.

LILBURN B. ELLIS.

It has often been said that of all religious denominations the Quakers approach the nearest in precept and practice to the teachings of the great Master. The simple teachings of the Friends appeal to many persons who are not moved by the more complex belief of other denominations, and the lives of many members of the Friends church are even more effective than a whole library of books or many professions of religion. To this belief Lilburn B. Ellis, a well known farmer of Elwood township, now deceased, gave his adherence and his life was in an important degree controlled by his religious faith. He was born in Elwood township, January 29, 1864, and was a son of Henry T. and Rachel Ellis. He grew up on the farm, being required to perform many of the farm duties, and thus by the time he reached his majority he had gained a general knowledge of agricultural pursuits. He attended the district schools and later, having shown a decided inclination for study, was sent to college and thus secured an education that opened to his mind many avenues unknown to one who is restricted in his training to the common schools.

At twenty-nine years of age Mr. Ellis took to himself a partner for life and began farming upon his own account, renting a place for four years. Having acquired by his industry and good management a small capital, he purchased forty acres of the George Buell farm in Elwood township, which he improved and disposed of at the close of three years, purchasing eighty acres on section 34, the same township, where he established his home. Gradually he increased his acreage until his farm comprised one hundred and forty acres and became known as one of the most productive places in the neighborhood. He erected a handsome residence and improved the farm by setting out an orchard of ten acres, now one of the finest in this part of the county. Here he planted apple, peach and plum trees, which in this region yield abundantly. He also engaged profitably in the raising and feeding of hogs and in all of

his farm operations displayed an ability that indicated thorough knowledge of his calling. He was happy in his work and always applied the best known methods, securing results which almost invariably are experienced wherever good judgment is shown.

On October 1, 1893, Mr. Ellis was happily united in marriage to Miss Effa M. Hawkins, who was born in Elwood township, January 31, 1871, and is a daughter of Joseph C. and Phoebe (Moon) Hawkins, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins came to Vermilion county previous to the Civil war and resided here for many years. The father is now living in Indiana but the mother departed this life in 1896. Sixteen children were born to them, of whom eleven are now living and are all married. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis: Rosalie, Francis M., deceased; Emily R., Helen, James W., Garnet, and Gertrude.

Mr. Ellis was called from earthly scenes October 31, 1909, being then forty-five years of age and in the prime of an active and useful life. His departure was the occasion of sincere regret throughout the community of which he was all his life a member and where he was most esteemed by those who were best acquainted with his many admirable qualities. His body reposes in Pilot Grove cemetery. As stated above, he was a member of the Friends church and to that denomination Mrs. Ellis has for many years been closely identified. The farm so carefully cultivated and thoroughly improved by her husband, is now her home and here the mother and children are provided with every desirable comfort and convenience through the thoughtful care of one who never considered any inconvenience or labor too great if it would advance the welfare of his family. As an upright citizen Mr. Ellis will not soon be forgotten, but as a loving husband and father he is enshrined in the hearts that through life will always regard his memory with increasing respect and veneration.

JAMES SLOAN.

There is no life record in this volume which indicates more clearly the value of earnest, persistent effort, close application and thorough reliability than that of James Sloan, now deceased, who by the exercise of those qualities, worked his way steadily upward from a very obscure position in the business world to one of responsibility, and at the same time developed those qualities which made him a valuable servant in public office and a leader of public opinion. He was born in Joliet, Will county, Illinois, March 31, 1851, a son of Samuel and Mary (Campbell) Sloan, both of whom were born in Canada but have now departed this life. While living in his native country the father followed the occupation of farming but spent his last days in retirement in Joliet.

James Sloan was one of a family of nine children. At the usual age he entered the public schools of Joliet and therein pursued his studies to the age of fifteen years when he put aside his text-books and sought a position which would enable him to be independent of parental aid for a livelihood. He was first employed at farm labor and in May, 1868, he accepted the position of water boy

with the Chicago & Alton Railroad. For a quarter of a century he remained in railroad service, gradually working his way upward, his capability, industry and fidelity bringing him advancement from time to time until, after serving as laborer, section foreman and road master, he was made general road master. He remained with the Chicago & Alton Railroad for a short time only, and on the 24th of November, 1868, became connected with the construction of the Peoria, Pekin & Jacksonville Railroad, his duties in that connection claiming his attention until June 23, 1869. He was afterward with the Indiana, Bloomington & Western, now a part of the Big Four system, entering that employ in connection with the construction work. On the completion of the road on the 19th of December, 1870, he took charge of a section as foreman and served as such until October 3, 1875, when he was made road master in charge of the Peoria division, acting in that capacity until the 15th of November, 1878. At the latter date he was made general road master of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad, with office in Danville. He remained with that road until March 31, 1890, when he resigned and took charge of the Clover Leaf Railroad with offices in East St. Louis, but remained with that company only until the 3d of May, 1890, when he resigned and accepted a similar position with the Lake Erie & Western Railroad, between La Fayette, Indiana, and Peoria, Illinois, with headquarters at Paxton. Election to office recalled him to Danville, where his remaining days were passed.

From the time that age conferred upon Mr. Sloan the right of franchise he gave unfaltering allegiance to the republican party, believing that its principles contained the best elements of good government. He sought its success along legitimate lines and was recognized as one of the local party leaders. In 1884 he was elected to represent the second ward in the city council of Danville, and filled the office for two terms. Endorsement of his faithful service as alderman came to him in 1887 when he was elected mayor of the city. His term as chief executive was characterized by many needed reforms and improvements and was altogether a most businesslike and progressive administration. In April, 1893, while residing in Paxton, he was again elected mayor of Danville and returned to the city to enter upon the duties of the office, which he acceptably discharged for another term. On the 5th of December, 1894, he was appointed deputy sheriff and acted in that capacity for four years, when in 1898 he was elected sheriff for a similar period. He was prompt and fearless in the discharge of his duties and retired from office as he had entered it—with the confidence and regard of all those citizens who hold themselves amenable to all. He was known in business circles as one of the directors of the Vermilion County Building Association.

On the 17th of September, 1873, occurred the marriage of Mr. Sloan and Miss Lucinda Stone, a native of Pekin, Tazewell county, Illinois. As the years passed they became the parents of eight children: Lucinda, who died in childhood; Minnie, now the wife of O. D. Ehlicher, a druggist of Pekin; James, who married Frances McReynolds, of Danville, and is now engaged as one of President Taft's bodyguard; Ellen; Henry, who married Esther Toby and is engaged in the confectionery business in Danville; Will; Lulu; and Florence.

The death of the husband and father occurred on the 20th of May, 1890, and in his passing Vermilion county mourned the loss of one whose fidelity and

progressive spirit made him a most valuable citizen. He was prominent in Masonry, holding membership in the lodge, chapter and commandery in Danville, while in Chicago he was a member of Oriental Consistory and Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He also held membership with the Knights of Pythias, the Elks, the Odd Fellows and the Road Masters Association of America and of the last named served as vice president for three or four terms. National advancement and local progress were both causes dear to his heart and every movement that tended to promote the welfare and upbuilding of Danville received his hearty endorsement and loyal support. He made friends wherever he went and his genial disposition and cordial spirit gained for him popularity and warm regard.

CHARLES T. YEOMANS.

Charles T. Yeomans has been actively and successfully identified with the commercial interests of Danville as a hardware merchant for almost four decades and is accounted one of the leading business men of the city. His birth occurred in Wyoming county, New York, on the 21st of January, 1846, his parents being the Rev. N. T. and Frances (Bush) Yeomans. The father was a minister of the Congregational church and for many years preached the gospel in western New York. He came to Danville, Illinois, in 1877 but died the following year, passing away at the home of our subject at the age of sixty-seven. His wife, a native of New Hampshire, died in the state of New York in 1872.

Charles T. Yeomans obtained his education in the public schools of the Empire state and subsequently clerked for some time in a drug store of Brockport, New York. He next spent five years as a bookkeeper in Chicago, Illinois, and in 1871 came to Danville. Here he formed a partnership with A. L. Webster for the conduct of a hardware store, beginning business on a small scale in the east room of his present extensive establishment on West Main street. When the partnership was dissolved in 1875 Mr. Yeomans became associated with W. E. Shedd and they conducted the enterprise with mutual pleasure and profit until the latter passed away in September, 1909. Since that time Mr. Yeomans has been the manager of the business and enjoys a large and lucrative trade as a dealer in hardware.

In 1878, at Danville, Mr. Yeomans was united in marriage to Miss Kate L. Le Seure, a daughter of Victor Le Seure, of the firm of V. & P. Le Seure, who were numbered among the earliest merchants of Danville, conducting a general store on the corner which is now occupied by Mr. Yeomans' establishment. Our subject and his wife have three children. Victor, who is now associated with his father in business, was educated in the public schools of Danville and in Lake Forest College. N. Tracy, who enjoyed the same educational advantages as his brother, is now in the service of the Belden Manufacturing Company of Chicago. Minnette, the youngest child, attended the Bradford Seminary in Massachusetts. After completing their studies all of the children were sent on a European trip, thus being afforded an opportunity to gain the culture and knowledge acquired by travel in foreign lands.

Mr. Yeomans acts as an elder in the First Presbyterian church and has been clerk of sessions for twenty-five years. He is likewise treasurer of the home mission committee of the presbytery and synod. He is not active in politics but is nevertheless a most loyal and public-spirited citizen. His salient characteristics are such as have gained for him the friendly regard and good will of all with whom he has been associated through either business or social relations, and he is well entitled to a foremost place among the representative and respected residents of Danville.

HARRY J. WALZ.

Harry J. Walz was throughout the period of his residence in Danville a popular citizen, having a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance. His business policy gained him the respect of all with whom he came in contact, while his cordial spirit and genial disposition won him the friendship of those whom he met in social circles.

Mr. Walz was born in Danville in 1864, a son of George Walz, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, born October 1, 1830. The grandfather, Martin Walz, was a farmer of that country and George Walz was reared upon the home farm, where he remained until sixteen years of age. He then began learning the cabinet-maker's trade near his father's home and on attaining his majority enlisted for service in the German army, with which he was connected for three years. In 1854 he came to America, landing at New York city with but a very limited capital. He believed, however, that the opportunities of the new world were superior to those furnished in the fatherland, and he never had occasion to regret his emigration to the United States. He worked at his trade at different times in New York; Philadelphia; Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania; St. Louis, Missouri; and in Pike county, Illinois. It was in Williamsport, that he first engaged in the furniture business on his own account.

Mr. Walz came to Danville in 1864 and here established a furniture store, the stock of which he gradually increased to meet the growing demands of his trade, keeping at all times in touch with the latest improvements in this line. His business gradually advanced until after fourteen years he ranked among the leading merchants of the city. He also conducted an extensive undertaking business in addition to the sale of furniture.

In 1864, in Danville, George Walz was united in marriage to Miss Fredericka Steele, of Germany, who was brought to America in her childhood days. Unto Mr. and Mrs. George Walz there were born three sons and two daughters, the brothers of our subject being Albert and George, both residents of Danville, while the sisters are: Mrs. C. T. Woolsey, of this city; and Mrs. George Renking, of Owensboro, Kentucky.

Harry Walz pursued his education in the schools of Danville and early learned the undertaking business with his father. In 1892 he became his father's partner in business and five years later succeeded to the business as sole proprietor. Although only a young man at the time, he soon established a large



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and growing trade, being accorded an extensive patronage that indicated the confidence reposed in him as a business man. He was courteous to everybody and was therefore well liked, and he succeeded because of his kindness of heart and his frankness of manner. During his last illness his wife took hold of the business and since his death has carried it on successfully. She was ever a faithful helpmate to him and assisted him in his various business projects and encouraged him in all that he undertook.

On the 9th of June, 1888, Mr. Walz was united in marriage in Danville to Miss Ethel F. Church, a daughter of G. W. F. and Sarah E. (Jones) Church, of South Hazel, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Walz became the parents of one child, Marie M.

In his political views Mr. Walz was an earnest republican and kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day. His fraternal relations were with the Red Men, the Eagles and the Northcott Camp of Modern Woodmen of America. He likewise belonged to the Royal Neighbors, the Loyal Americans, the Liederkrantz, the Fraternal Tribunes, the Danville Foresters and other benevolent associations. He was true to the basic teachings of all of those organizations and was ever found loyal in his different relations of life, being devoted in friendship, progressive in citizenship and unfaltering in his efforts to promote the happiness of his wife and child.

ALFRED H. TREGO.

At the age of seventy-two Alfred H. Trego is still a most active factor in the business life of Hoopeston. The exercise of effort has kept him alert and he belongs to that class of men who grow strong mentally and morally as the years pass by, giving out of their rich stores of wisdom and experience for the benefit of others as well as for the advancement of individual interests. The milestones along his life pathway have been inscribed with the word labor, and through the intelligent direction of his effort he has reached a position of distinction of which any man might be proud and yet the most envious cannot grudge him his success so worthily has it been won and so honorably used.

Pennsylvania claims Alfred H. Trego among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Wrightstown, Bucks county, June 16, 1838. He comes of Quaker ancestry, his parents being Curtis D. and Mary (Gilbert) Trego, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state, the father there devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1843 he started with his family for the middle west, traveling in a covered wagon to Mercer county, Illinois, where he established his home upon a farm. In 1856 he removed to Galesburg, his primary object being to provide his children with better educational opportunities. For several years he carried on a grocery store there and during the period of the Civil war was engaged in purchasing horses for the post at Gallatin, Tennessee. Subsequently he resided for some time at Orion, Henry county, Illinois, but the last ten years of his life were spent in Cass county, Iowa, where both he and his wife passed away. Their family numbered nine children: Elizabeth,

now deceased; Alfred H.; Jacob R., of Cass county, Iowa; Helen R., the wife of Joseph Engel, of the same county; Letitia, the wife of A. Clark, of Earlham, Iowa; Lavinia, the wife of D. D. Hall, of Omaha, Nebraska; Fred, of Cass county, Iowa; Frank, who died in Galesburg, Illinois; and Emma, who passed away in Henry county, this state.

Alfred H. Trego was only five years of age when the family made the overland journey to Mercer county. His early experiences were those which usually fall to the lot of all farmer boys and his preliminary education was acquired in the district schools. Following the removal to Galesburg he continued his education in Lombard College of that city, from which he was graduated in June, 1862. In the following month, at the age of twenty-four years, he offered his services to the government, joining Company C of the One Hundred and Second Illinois Infantry under Captain Frank Shedd and Colonel McMurty. He served until honorably discharged in June, 1865, doing active duty in Kentucky and Tennessee and participating in the campaign when Cincinnati was threatened. He was afterwards stationed at Gallatin, Tennessee, where he served as aid-de-camp to General E. A. Paine, there continuing until April, 1864, when he joined Sherman's forces at Chattanooga and owing to the absence of his captain on detached duty took command of the company as first lieutenant. He served throughout the Atlanta campaign until the city was captured and later was made adjutant general of the First Brigade of the Third Division of the Twentieth Army Corps commanded by General Hooker. With that rank he served on the march to sea in the campaign to Savannah and from that point marched through the Carolinas and on to Washington, being mustered out in June, 1865. He was wounded three times.

After the close of the war Mr. Trego returned to Galesburg but soon afterward removed to Rock Island, Illinois, where he engaged in the retail grocery business with his father for a year. At the end of that time he went to Chicago, where he was employed for a brief period as bookkeeper in a commission house and in 1867 established a produce commission business on his own account on South Water street. He was meeting with success when in October, 1871, his business was destroyed in the general conflagration which swept over the city and he lost therein. While he carried a good insurance the companies were only able to pay ten cents on the dollar. His losses left him so near penniless that he was forced to seek employment and secured a position as dock laborer at a dollar and a half per day, devoting his time to sorting lumber for six months. The firm by which he was employed then gave him a position as shipping clerk and he remained with the firm and their successors until 1877, when he came to Hoopeston. His experience in Chicago had thoroughly acquainted him with the lumber trade and he established a lumberyard in this city, mostly upon borrowed capital. He was very energetic toward the development and upbuilding of the business and in a short time discharged his financial obligations. He continued in the lumber business until 1888, realizing a handsome profit through that period and extended the scope of his enterprise by establishing branch yards at Wellington, Illinois, and at Ambia, Indiana. In the meantime he became engaged in the canning business, associated with J. S. McFerren and A. T. Catherwood, the latter now deceased. In 1886 the pre-

sent business, the Hoopeston Canning Company, was established, beginning operations on a small scale. During the first season they canned from thirty to forty thousand cases and their present capacity is from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred thousand cases, while some seasons they can as high as two hundred and twenty thousand cases, employing during the season from three to four hundred people. Since 1890 Mr. Trego has had the management of the business and the trade extends throughout the United States, this being the largest corn canning factory in the country. Between twenty and twenty-five hundred acres of their own are devoted to the raising of corn and they purchase the corn produced in this section for miles around. The present year, 1910, they will can the product from about thirty-six hundred acres, amounting to about six million cans. The growth of this mammoth enterprise is attributable in large measure to the business ability, executive force and administrative direction of Mr. Trego. He was one of the eight organizers of the Union Can Company in 1894 and in 1900 this was merged into the American Can Company, of which he is a stockholder. Of the former organization he was the president. He is also a director of the First National Bank and the president of the Hoopeston Horse Nail Company. He is equal owner with Mr. McFerren in seventeen hundred acres in Grant township, Vermilion county. His real-estate holdings likewise include Chicago property and eighty-five lots in Hoopeston, and he is president of the Illinois Cuban Land Company, owning twenty thousand acres near Santiago, Cuba. He is likewise president of the Cuba Cattle Company and of the St. Helen's Ore Mill & Power Company, and his sound judgement and enterprising spirit have constituted an impetus for successful management in all those concerns with which he is connected.

The attractive home life of Mr. Trego had its beginning in his marriage in Chicago, in October, 1868, to Miss Frances C. Reed, a native of Fulton county, Illinois. They became the parents of five sons and three daughters: Charles H., who is now living in Texas; Carrie G., deceased; Edward F., who is connected with the canning company; Walter; Sidney Reed, deceased; Gilbert C.; and two who died in infancy. The wife and mother passed away April 27, 1897. Mr. Trego was again married on the 8th of November, 1900, when Miss Florence Honywell of Hoopeston became his wife. She is a native of Logansport, Indiana, and a daughter of Alba Honywell, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume.

While Mr. Trego has conducted business interests of mammoth proportions he has never been unmindful of the duties of citizenship, and Hoopeston has profited much by his cooperation in movements instituted for her unbuilding. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and although he is not now an active worker in its ranks his influence is always on the side of those principles and projects which he believes are essential elements in good government. In former years he has served in local offices, representing his ward on the board of aldermen, and at the time the waterworks system of Hoopeston was inaugurated he was filling the office of chief executive of the city. He is now president of the Hoopeston Public Library, belongs to the Hoopeston Literary Club, is a trustee of Lombard College at Galesburg, Illinois,

and is secretary of the board of trustees of Greer College. In Masonry he has attained the Knight Templar degree and belongs to the Grand Army post, of which he was the first commander, serving in that office for a number of years.

In religious faith Mr. Trego is a Universalist and for more than a third of a century served as superintendent of the Sunday school. For long years he was chairman of the board of trustees of the church, has been one of its most liberal contributors to its support and has given equally of time and labor for the benefit of the church. He has been a splendid figure on the stage of action in Hoopston and many activities, material, intellectual and moral have been quickened by his touch.

ROCHESTER SANDUSKY.

The name of Sandusky is well known in Vermilion county. It represents a noted family which has been closely identified with eastern and central Illinois for nearly eighty years and is synonymous with prosperity in all departments of farming, especially in the breeding of live stock. Members of the family introduced the first carload of shorthorn cattle in Vermilion county as early as 1862. The family has also bred some of the most celebrated racing horses of the country and the name is known wherever lovers of pure blooded horses are to be found. In addition to paying great attention to the breeding of cattle and horses the Sanduskys have accomplished a great deal in the introduction of the best strains of swine, poultry and Merino sheep, thus raising the standard of live stock in the state and developing a taste for the higher graded animals, which is always an encouraging sign of advancement in any agricultural community.

Rochester Sandusky was born on the farm where he now lives, October 18, 1853. He is the son of William Sandusky, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work, and Mary E. (Baum) Sandusky. The Sandusky family receives its name from a progenitor who came to America from Poland as an exile previous to the Revolutionary war. The name was originally Sadowsky, but the Anglicized spelling was adopted and has been retained by nearly all the members of the family to the present time. One of the early progenitors was killed by the Indians in northern Ohio and the bay of Sandusky and the city of Sandusky received their names from this brave pioneer. William Sandusky came to Vermilion county with his parents when he was three years of age and became one of its most prominent agriculturists and stockmen. To him and his wife five children were born: Sarah J., who died at two years of age; Caroline, the wife of James Snapp; Rochester, of this review; Adeline, the wife of Thompson McMillan, of Danville, Illinois; and Belle, the wife of William H. James, of Rossville, Illinois. The father departed this life after a long and highly successful career, January 24, 1910, and will be remembered as a pioneer who worthily assisted in the great work of redeeming the wilderness to the use and permanent occupation of man.

Rochester Sandusky grew up upon the farm and acquired his education in the public schools, later pursuing a course of study at Bryant & Stratton Business College, Chicago. From his early boyhood he exhibited a decided talent for agricultural pursuits and for many years he has been closely associated with his father in farming and stock-raising, the business being carried on under the title of William Sandusky & Son, the subject of this review having charge of the breeding of horses, and in this respect he gained an enviable reputation among the best horse breeders of the country and developed his business upon an extensive scale. Since the death of his father he has continued actively in the same line and is known as a breeder of standard bred trotting horses which are being received with great favor in Illinois and other states. He was the breeder of Riola and Bourbon, the former with a record of 2:15 $\frac{1}{4}$ and the latter with a record of 2:13 $\frac{1}{4}$. Both of these remarkable animals were bred and raised entirely under the direction of Mr. Sandusky. For many years he and his father were the heaviest cattle feeders in this section of the country, feeding as many as eight carloads a year, which they were able to deliver at the market in prime condition. The proceeds of operations upon the farm were largely invested in land and the area was increased from the original two hundred and forty acres to eighteen hundred and thirty acres of land as valuable as any that is to be found in Vermilion county. This great farm now comprises the family estate. Mr. Sandusky also owns a tract of fourteen acres of land adjoining the town of Georgetown.

In politics he is identified with the republican party and although he is unmarried he has for many years been greatly interested in the public schools and for more than twenty-five years has been a member of the school board. His reputation as a farmer and scientific breeder extends far beyond the limits of Vermilion county and the state of Illinois and by years of industry, integrity and close application to all matters pertaining to the advancement of farming interests, he has gained the respect and good-will of a host of friends and acquaintances. As a breeder Mr. Sandusky has attained a position in the history of the development of the standard road horse in America which any man might justly envy; his name will always be recognized by lovers of the horse as an honored representative of one of the great industries that have contributed so largely to the pleasures of farm and city life not only in this country but in all the civilized countries of the world.

RAY FORREST BARNETT.

Although one of the younger representatives of the legal fraternity in Vermilion county, Ray Forrest Barnett has already met with enviable success in his chosen profession. He was born on the 15th of April, 1881, near Indianola, and belongs to a very old and prominent family of this county, his parents being F. Robert and Mary E. (Martin) Barnett. His father was also a native of this county, where his grandfather, James Barnett, located at an early day in the development of this region, erecting the house where our subject was

born and which is today over one hundred years old. The farm which James Barnett occupied was inherited by his wife from her father, David Yarnall. This place is still in the possession of the family, being now occupied by our subject and his brother and sister, who are the fourth generation to live thereon. For many years the father was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits but during the latter part of his life lived retired and on the 7th of July, 1896, passed away, honored and respected by all who knew him. His widow is still living and is now a resident of Jamaica, Illinois. In their family were three children, namely: Daniel E., who was born July 10, 1875, and is now a physician engaged in practice at Homer, Indiana; Ray F.; and Ella B., who was born April 18, 1877, and is now the wife of J. A. Seybold, owner and manager of the Sidell Telephone Company.

On the old homestead Ray F. Barnett passed the days of his boyhood and youth and began his education in the public schools of Indianola, later attending the Sidell high school, and also the Ann Arbor high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1903. Desiring to enter the legal profession, he then began the study of law at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and was graduated from the law department in 1906 with the degree of LL. B. After leaving the university he began practicing at Danville, being first associated with William M. Acton until July, 1907, after which he practiced alone for a time, but is now in partnership with J. M. Boyle, having offices at No. 412-414 Temple building. He has never made a specialty of any department of legal work but has engaged in general practice in all of the county, state and federal courts. He is a deep student of his profession and although he has been in practice for only about four years, he has already succeeded in winning a desirable clientage and stands deservedly high in the esteem of his professional brethren. In politics he is practically independent, though he favors the democracy in national affairs but at local elections endeavors to vote for the right man regardless of party. In social as well as professional circles he has made a host of warm friends.

JAMES G. RICE.

James G. Rice, a well known farmer and breeder of Percheron horses of Sidell township, Vermilion county, was born in Carter county, Kentucky, October 23, 1857. He is a son of Daniel and Flora Ann (Jordan) Rice, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work, and he is a descendant on the paternal side of stanch English ancestry, some of the earlier members of the family in this country being prominently known as pioneers and Indian fighters. James Rice, the founder of the family, was an early settler of Centerville, Ohio, and it is said that he lived to be one hundred and thirty years of age, although he was entirely blind during the last fourteen years of his life.

The father of our subject was a native of Kentucky and the mother of Greenup county, the same state. She removed with her parents to Lawrence county, Kentucky, and was married to Mr. Rice when she was eighteen years

of age. Six children were born to them: William J.; Mary E., deceased; Albert R. U.; James G.; Edward A.; and Lemuel, deceased. Daniel Rice removed his family to this county in 1863. He was a valiant soldier for the Union cause, enlisting October 21, 1861, in Company D, Twenty-second Kentucky Infantry, for a period of three years. Having been taken severely ill with measles, he was sent home on a furlough in 1863, but returned to his regiment at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 6, 1864. On May 10 following, because of continued ill health, he was given an honorable discharge. In selecting a home for his family Mr. Rice visited Arkansas after the close of the war but finally decided to remain permanently in this county. His first wife having died, he married Mrs. Eliza Jane Moore, a daughter of William J. and Susan (Rawlings) Robertson. She was a native of Parke county, Indiana, and at seventeen years of age was married to William H. Moore. She was the mother of five children by her second union: Mary E., Charles A., Millie S., Reuben H. and William W. Daniel Rice was reared in the Cumberland mountains of Kentucky and became a farmer, attaining a position as one of the most energetic and capable agriculturists and stock-raisers in his part of Vermilion county. He was a man of sturdy character and of cheerful disposition and was greatly respected by his friends and neighbors. He died, sincerely regretted by the entire community, January 31, 1908.

James G. Rice, whose name appears at the head of this review, came to Vermilion county with his parents in 1863. He was reared upon the home farm and under his father became thoroughly acquainted with all the details pertaining to its management. Although the father had little opportunity of obtaining an education he was greatly interested in securing a good common-school training for his children. James G. Rice remained on the family homestead until 1882, when he became associated with his eldest brother, W. J., in buying and shipping cattle, in which he continued for one year, when he went to the territory of Wyoming. There he was employed on a cattle ranch during the summer, but in the fall, believing that more favorable opportunities lay eastward, he returned to Vermilion county and began farming upon his own responsibilities. For two years he lived on the home farm and then removed to his present location in Sidell township. He owns eighty acres of well improved land, constituting the home place, and in conjunction with his sons farms three hundred and twenty-five acres, being highly successful in his operations. For a number of years he has also been engaged as a breeder of Percheron horses and has attained a good reputation in this part of the state as a man of unusual judgment in producing some of the most valuable animals that have been sent out of this region. His success in two departments of the farm is an evidence of well directed thought and patient application of correct principles.

On April 8, 1885, Mr. Rice was united in marriage to Miss Fraba Jane Nugent, a daughter of John Nugent, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Eight children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Rice: William Waverly, a farmer of Sidell township; Robert Riley, who is associated with his father on the farm; and Mary Orletha, John Lester, Edward A., Daniel, Albert and Frances, all living at home.

Mr. Rice has since arriving at the age of majority been a supporter of the democratic party but has never aspired to political honors. He is an esteemed member of Sidell Lodge, No. 798, A. F. & A. M., and his two oldest sons are also members of the same organization. Mrs. Rice is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church and is one of its earnest workers. For nearly fifty years Mr. Rice has been a resident of this county and in that time he has witnessed many great improvements and has himself assisted materially in bringing about the present desirable condition of comfort and refinement which so clearly characterizes the early years of our present century. The prosperity he enjoys is the result mainly of his own industry and enterprise. He is recognized as one of the substantial citizens of Vermilion county, fully deserving of the high reputation he has gained as a worthy representative of the agricultural interests.

CHARLES F. UHLEIN.

Charles F. Uhlein, now successfully engaged in the plumbing business in Danville, is one of this city's native sons, his birth occurring October 8, 1879. His father, Charles Uhlein, was born in Germany, January 28, 1847, and was only six years of age when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world in 1853, the family taking up their residence in Pennsylvania, where they made their home for two years and then came to Danville. Throughout the greater part of his life the father has followed railroading and is still in active service as an engineer. In early manhood he married Miss Helen Schroeder, who was likewise born in Germany, October 23, 1853, and came to America in 1869, becoming a resident of Danville on the 1st of May of that year. They have become the parents of eight children. Frank J., born September 17, 1875, is now a priest of the Roman Catholic church and is located at Carbon-dale, Illinois. Elizabeth, born May 4, 1877, is the wife of Henry Schroeder, a butcher of Danville. Charles F., of this review, is the next of the family. Mary, born January 9, 1882, died on the 19th of the following March. Louise, born July 8, 1883, is at home with her parents. Anna, born July 31, 1885, died April 25, 1887. Joseph F., born November 16, 1887, now holds a position in the Second National Bank of Danville. Herman J., born August 2, 1890, is associated with his brother in the plumbing business.

Charles F. Uhlein acquired his education in the parochial schools of Danville and after putting aside his text-books accepted a position as water boy with L. W. Straw, one of the pioneer plumbers of this city. He remained in his service for the long period of twelve years, during which time he thoroughly learned the plumber's trade and was well fitted to engage in the same line of business when, in 1904, he opened an establishment of his own. Since then he has made three removals, each being necessitated by his need of more commodious quarters. He was first located at No. 101 West Main street, where he remained one year, and then removed to No. 11, Walnut street, carrying on business there until February, 1910, when he settled at his present location, No. 212 Vermilion street. Here he has the largest and best equipped establishment

of the kind in the city, carrying a large and complete stock, and is able to fill any contract that is awarded him. His work has always been of a superior order and he is regarded as one of the best plumbers of the city. From the start he has been associated with C. F. Burow and the business has always been conducted under the firm name of Uhlein & Burow.

In religious faith Mr. Uhlein is a Roman Catholic and is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the One Hundred Thousand Club. He is not identified with any political organization but casts his vote independent of party, endeavoring to support the men best qualified for office regardless of party ties.

CLINT C. TILTON.

Clint C. Tilton, a newspaper man of Danville, who is now president and manager of the company publishing The Danville Press-Democrat, was born in Catlin, Illinois, on the 10th of May, 1870, his parents being Samuel R. and Lou G. Tilton. His father was one of the pioneer merchants of Catlin, but is now living retired.

In the public schools of that city the son pursued his education, completing the high-school course by graduation in 1886. On starting out in life for himself he turned his attention to the printing business and first conducted the Catlin Rocket, a weekly newspaper of miniature size. He was next employed as reporter and printer in various cities, but in 1904 returned to Danville and took the management of The Daily Press, then owned by John Beard. In 1908, in conjunction with A. R. Lynch, he purchased The Daily Press and The Daily Democrat and consolidated them under the caption of The Danville Press-Democrat, the first issue appearing March 1, 1908. Since the consolidation he has been president and manager of the company. The paper is one of the leading journals of this part of the state.

On the 10th of June, 1905, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Tilton and Miss Georgia May Wood, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wood, of Bloomington, Illinois.

U. Z. GREEN.

Perhaps no name in all Vermilion county is more widely known in connection with stock-raising interests than that of U. Z. Green, nor is his fame confined merely to the boundaries of this county, for as a breeder of trotting horses his stables have produced some of the finest racers in the entire country and his entries in various national stock shows have been among the finest displays in America. Vermilion county claims him as one of her native sons, his birth occurring on the farm which is now his home on the 26th of May, 1874.

His father, Lewis W. Green, was born in Ohio and came to Vermilion county in the early '60s and was here married to Miss Euphama Jane Sandusky, a native

of Vermilion county and a daughter of Abraham Sandusky. Lewis Green, upon his arrival in this county, purchased a farm to which he added until his possessions now aggregate over two thousand acres, constituting him one of the largest landowners in his section of the state. His time, however, is given mostly to his stock-raising interests, and he is recognized as one of the most extensive breeders of trotting horses in the United States.

U. Z. Green was reared under the parental roof, and he acquired a good education in the common schools and in the Vermilion Academy, which was later supplemented by a thorough course in the Terre Haute Business College. His commercial course was pursued with the view of making the banking business his life work, and upon its completion a position awaited him in the Palmer National Bank at Danville. He never entered financial circles, however, for, believing that greater success awaited him in agricultural lines, he returned home and took up his abode upon his father's Maple Grove ranch, where he engaged for several years in the breeding of cattle and fine hogs. Being as it were, "to the manner born," his early training upon his father's farm was both thorough and comprehensive, and this practical experience, combined with his broad business training, well equipped him for the successful conduct of large and independent agricultural interests. He became an extensive stock-raiser and was the breeder of the champion herd of English Berkshire hogs of America in 1897, and it is also claimed that he raises more hogs than any other man in Vermilion county. He also breeds fine shorthorn cattle and raised the largest five year old cow exhibited at the International Stock Show in Chicago in 1906, its weight being twenty-two hundred and sixty pounds. In 1901 Mr. Green came to his present home, known as the Maple Hill Stock Farm, consisting of three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land. Here he is conducting one of the most extensive stock-raising enterprises in the state, making a specialty of cows, hogs and horses. Until two years ago he has regularly exhibited at the various international stock shows, where his entries have won high awards. He raises heavy draft horses and standard bred trotting horses, and his stables have produced some very fine racers. He purchased as a yearling "William Mack," the greatest race horse of the country, whose record was 2:05 $\frac{1}{4}$ and who won first money sixty-two times out of one hundred and twenty-seven starts; 35 seconds; 9 thirds; 4 fourths; 12 unplaced. This racer he afterward sold and it is now dead. He had a record of 2:07 on a one-half mile track.

Aside from his distinction as a stock-raiser Mr. Green has also won a name for himself as a farmer of importance, operating, aside from his home farm, eighteen hundred acres south of where he resides which belongs to his father's-in-law estate. He has been eminently successful in the cultivation of grain, his fields averaging seventy-five bushels of oats to the acre in the summer of 1909, while he produced one hundred and three bushels and twenty pounds of corn to the acre. He has spared neither time nor money in the development of his property and his home farm is today one of the finest and most highly improved properties in Vermilion county. He has erected a beautiful brick residence and the buildings for the protection and shelter of the stock are large, commodious and modern in structure. The place is equipped with the latest improved farm machinery and everything necessary for the successful and

adequate care of stock. Without exception it is the best tiled farm in the county, thousands of dollars having been spent in thus improving it, and on one tract of forty acres alone there are ten thousand twenty-four inch tile.

In 1900 Mr. Green was united in marriage to Miss Blanch Mills, of Indianola, and to them have been born three children, Anna H., Margaret L. and Lewis William. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are well known in Vermilion county, within whose borders Mr. Green's entire life has been spent. In politics he supports the independent cause, but the duties of an intensely active business life have left little time for participation in political affairs other than casting his vote for the men and measures which, in his opinion, are best adapted to conserve the good of the community. The terms progress and enterprise may well be said to be the salient elements in the career of U. Z. Green, for the high place which he today occupies in agricultural and stock-raising circles in the country is due entirely to his own well directed efforts and unfaltering industry. He has kept in touch at all times with the progressive steps which have been made in those lines of endeavor, and today no man is better equipped to speak with authority on matters pertaining to those branches of activity. His labors have not only resulted in the acquirement of a success which in its extent ranks him among the most substantial and prosperous men of Vermilion county, but are all the greater because they have contributed to the general good and have done much to promote agricultural interests in this section of the country.

JOSEPH A. WILLIAMSON.

There is no profession in which advancement depends more surely upon individual worth than in the law. It is a calling in which wealth or influence avail little or nothing toward the attainment of success but where close application, earnest purpose and intellectual strength constitute the foundation on which prosperity is built. Joseph A. Williamson, now practicing at the Danville bar, has made a creditable record in connection with the work of the courts. He was born in Mount Summit, Indiana, on the 20th of September, 1874, a son of Joseph S. and Frances Rebecca (Ice) Williamson. On the paternal side his grandfather was a native of England and on coming to America first settled in Ohio but later removed to Indiana, locating near Muncie, where the father of our subject was born. The paternal grandmother, however, was of German descent. On leaving his native state, Joseph E. Williamson came to Illinois about 1876 and has since made his home in Tuscola. Throughout his active business life he followed merchandising and farming. His wife, who was a native of Mount Summit, Indiana, died in 1874. Her father, Jesse Ice, was from Virginia but was one of the early settlers of Mount Summit.

Joseph A. Williamson of this review began his education in the district schools of Douglas county, Illinois, and for one year was a student at Austin College in Effingham, and became well fitted for the teacher's profession. He taught school in Douglas county for three years and then entered the law depart-

ment of the Georgetown University from which he was graduated with the degree of B. A. in 1905. The following year the degree of M. A. was conferred upon him. Being admitted to the bar, he opened an office in Danville in March, 1907, and has since engaged in practice at this place, now enjoying a large clientele. He is regarded as a wise counselor and able advocate and in the presentation of his cause before the court seldom fails to win the verdict desired.

In his political views Mr. Williamson has been a democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but the honors and emoluments of public office have little attraction for him. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Danville and is also connected with the One Hundred Thousand Club and White Oak Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in which he now holds the office of keeper of the records and seal. He is appreciative of the social amenities of life and his genial qualities have won him many friends, but his attention is pre-eminently given to his professional duties, his devotion to his clients' interests being proverbial.

CHARLES W. WARNER.

Charles W. Warner, closely connected with the journalistic interests of Hoopeston since 1879 and since 1882 manager of the Chronicle, of which he has also been proprietor since 1887, was born upon a farm in Montgomery county, Indiana, January 24, 1857, and is descended in the eighth generation from William Warner, who came from England in October, 1682, with William Penn to establish a colony upon the present site of Philadelphia. He was made a judge in the superior court of that colony and was a prominent man in the community. The family line was strictly of Quaker faith for seven generations until Abner Warner, father of Charles W. Warner, was dropped from the roll of his monthly meeting for attending a "worldly wedding." He was a native of Ohio and a farmer by occupation. He wedded Mary Cadwalader, who was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, and was also a Quaker descended from eight generations of that faith, the first two generations being residents of Wales. She was also dropped from the roll of her monthly meeting for wearing a small gold pin in the collar of her dress. She afterward united with the Methodist Episcopal church. Both Abner and Mary Warner are now deceased and Charles W. Warner has no near relatives living except one brother, Perry M. Warner, who is manager of the Rossville Telephone Company.

In the public schools at Rossville, Illinois, Charles W. Warner pursued his education until compelled to leave school and go to work while yet lacking a year and a half of completing the high school course. He is, however, an honorary member of the alumni associations of the Rossville and Hoopeston high schools. He worked for three years during and just after the close of his school life at cabinet making and undertaking in Rossville. He then began to learn the printer's trade in the office of the Rossville Enterprise, which was published by John C. Cromer. He became connected with that paper in August, 1877, and five weeks later the Enterprise was removed to Homer, Champaign

county. He continued his connection with it for three weeks longer and then concluded there was a broader field in school teaching. He accordingly followed that profession for two terms of three months each in district No. 10, just south of Homer, or from December, 1877, until June, 1878. He found the profession congenial but the remuneration was not sufficient and in October, 1878, he entered the employ of John W. Dale, then county clerk, whom he assisted in the extra work of getting out the tax books for the various townships. He was employed in that way for two months and gained considerable knowledge of mathematics and accounting while thus engaged. On the 10th of February, 1879, he went to work by the week as a printer in the office of the Hoopeston Chronicle published by Dale Wallace, and has since been connected with that paper with the exception of five months spent in Springfield as journal clerk of the house of representative in the thirty-second general assembly, from January until May inclusive, in 1881. During that session John G. Holden and Joseph B. Mann, of Danville, and Bradley Butterfield, of Rankin, were members of the lower house, and George Hunt of Paris was a member of the senate from this district. On returning from Springfield Mr. Warner went to work again in the Chronicle office and was there employed for another year. On the 1st of July, 1882, he rented the office and assumed the management of the paper under a lease of five years and on the 1st of July, 1887, purchased the office and has since published the paper, making it one of the leading country journals of the state. He follows progressive methods in its publication and its constantly increasing patronage is indicative of the favor which it finds with the general public.

On the 13th of December, 1883, Mr. Warner was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Clark, of Hoopeston, a graduate of the Hoopeston high school and an art student at Cincinnati under Thomas Lindsey. She has decided talent as an artist and is also interested in the church and benevolent work of the city, having for a number of years been the teacher of the "Rosebud" or infant class in the Universalist Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. Warner have one daughter, Gladys June, who was graduated from the Hoopeston high school in 1909 and is now a student in the Virginia College for Young Ladies at Roanoke, Virginia.

Since becoming manager of the Chronicle Mr. Warner has made it the champion of Hoopeston's welfare among many lines and aside from the field of journalism has labored effectively and earnestly to advance the best interests of the city. Like most of Hoopeston's residents, he is radically opposed to saloons. Every year and several times during each municipal campaign season he is called to various cities and towns in Illinois to deliver addresses in opposition to saloons. Hoopeston has certainly proved the value and worth of the non-license policy, having an exceptionally clear record in regard to crime, lawlessness and pauperism as compared with those cities where the saloon has free play. Mr. Warner served as city clerk of Hoopeston from November, 1881, until April, 1883, and was postmaster at Hoopeston from July, 1889, until July, 1893, and again in July, 1897, was appointed to the office, in which he is now the incumbent. He has always been a republican—"stalwart as distinguished from the half-breed, and regular as distinguished from the

insurgent." He was connected officially with the old Hoopeston fair and is now an officer of the Hoopeston Chautauqua. He became a charter member of Hoopeston Lodge, No. 195, Knights of Pythias, and was chosen its first chancellor commander, serving from December 4, 1888, until June 30, 1889. He belongs to Hoopeston Camp, No. 257, M. W. A., which he joined in 1893, and in March, 1895, became a member of Star Lodge, No. 709, A. F. & A. M., while in May of the same year he took the degrees of Hoopeston Chapter, No. 115, R. A. M., of which he has served for two years as high priest. He is also a member of Grant Council, No. 89, R. & S. M. He is liberal in his religious views and affiliates with the Universalist church, although not a member. He belongs to the Hoopeston Commercial Club, in which he has been honored with the presidency. His name is always associated with projects of progress and improvement and in all public service as well as private interests he is a man of action rather than of theory.

HENRY PUZEY.

Few men acquire distinction in more than one branch of industry, and yet Henry Puzey now occupies a position in farming, stock-raising and horticultural circles such as few men of his section of the country have attained. He has made a success of scientific farming, is the owner of one of the finest orchards of Vermilion county and in almost every state in the Union, wherever his stock has been shipped, his name stands as a synonym for fine quality and high grade. He is one of those men who accomplish results in the business world, who bring to a successful completion whatever they undertake, and thus into whatever field he has directed his attention, fortune has smiled upon his efforts and he is today classed among the most substantial and well-to-do residents of Vermilion county.

He was born in Berkshire, England, on the 16th of August, 1826, a son of Joseph and Beatrice (Blanche) Puzey, also natives of England, the former born in Berkshire and the latter in Gloucestershire. The father was an important factor in industrial circles of Berkshire, where he engaged extensively in the manufacture of brick, tile and other clay products. His plant was located in the village of Stanford and he employed as high as seventy hands. He passed away in 1853.

Reared in the land of his nativity, Henry Puzey was given the advantages of a good education, attending the public schools of Andlem, Cheshire, Marlborough and Wiltshire, and in due course of time graduated from the high school. When fifteen years of age he was apprenticed to his uncle, Thomas Puzey, in the wholesale dry-goods business and later was transferred to his uncle Henry in London, with whom he also served as apprentice. Including his term of indenture he was identified with merchandising for about nine years, after which he declared his intention of seeking his fortune in the new world. Something of his capability and reliability is indicated by the fact that at this time his employer offered to furnish him the capital, at five per cent, to estab-

lish himself in business independently if he would remain with him for another year, but, determined to come to the United States in preference to remaining in his native country, he crossed the Atlantic and landed in New York on the 13th of May, 1850. His decision to come to this country was the outcome of a lecture on the advantages offered to settlers of Vermilion county, Illinois, which was delivered in London at the instigation of Isaac Sandusky for the purpose of exploiting the advantages of this region and inducing emigration to this section of the state. Many English settlers were thus lured to Illinois, and with Mr. Puzey came a brother, Albert; an aunt, Mrs. Sophia Church, the wife of Henry Church, who had already crossed the Atlantic; Jane Church, who later married Frank Champion, of Catlin; and Sarah Church, who became the wife of Henry Lloyd. All are yet living and reside in Catlin.

Upon his arrival in this country Mr. Puzey made his way direct to Vermilion county, where he joined two uncles, who had arrived here two years previously, locating in Catlin township, south of Catlin. He at first was employed as a farm hand, while later he operated a rented farm for six years, at the end of which time he returned to England, where he remained for a year and a half. One of the principal objects of his visit was to secure a helpmate and companion, and consequently, on the 18th of March, 1858, he was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Rymer, of Gloucestershire. Immediately afterward he returned to Vermilion county with his bride, locating in what was then Carroll township but is now Jamaica township, where he purchased eighty acres of unimproved land. He erected a frame house on the place, in which he and his wife began their domestic life, broke the sod and converted the land into productive fields, and here made his home for forty-two years. After the death of his wife, in 1900, however, he went to the home of his son Thomas, with whom he has since resided. During the long years of his active connection with agricultural interests of Vermilion county he has directed his efforts into various lines of activity, in all of which he has been signally successful. Late in the '60s he became interested in stock-raising, making a specialty of breeding registered Berkshire hogs, Cotswold and Shropshire sheep and light harness horses. He was the raiser of Waymark the first horse bred in Vermilion county to make a record of 2:10, and his fame eventually extended throughout the entire country as a breeder of fine stock. He has exhibited at the county fairs in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, at Columbus, Ohio and Indianapolis, Indiana, and his stock has been shipped to almost every state in the Union. He has also become a recognized authority on fancy poultry, which he has shipped to all parts of the country, and his name is well known in stock-raising circles throughout the entire country. He has also gained distinction as a horticulturist of considerable note and is the owner of one of the finest orchards in Vermilion county, his fruit having taken first prizes at many of the county fairs. As a tiller of the soil, also, he has gained no little prominence, for he has made a science of farming, carrying on his work along strictly modern and up-to-date methods, and his labors have resulted in most gratifying success. He has seemed to know where and how to put forth the most effective effort, has been a careful student of existing conditions and whatever he has undertaken he has done thoroughly and well, so that it is no matter of wonder that he has gained a fortune as the result

of his activity in the various enterprises he has undertaken, and today he ranks among the best known and most successful men in his section of the state. At one time he owned five hundred and forty acres of Vermilion county's richest land, while he and his four sons own over one thousand acres, and his son-in-law, Charles E. Nesbitt, is the owner of five hundred and twenty acres. His progressive methods are manifest in the fact that he was one of the first men in his section of Vermilion county to tile his land to any great extent, and at the time his neighbors told him that he was burying his money. Time, however, has demonstrated the wisdom of his course in the excellent condition of his farming property.

With the passing years the home of Mr. and Mrs. Puzey was blessed with five children, all of whom survive the mother, whose death occurred on the 31st of March, 1900. They are as follows: Joseph, James R. and Thomas, all engaged in farming in Jamaica township; Frances E., the wife of Charles E. Nesbitt, of Catlin township; and Henry, of Vance township. Mr. Puzey has carefully reared his sons to agricultural pursuits, has made expert farmers and good managers of them, and the methods which proved so resultant in the conduct of the father's business are being followed by the sons with equal success.

Although Mr. Puzey has never had time nor inclination to participate actively in political affairs, as the conduct of his extensive business interests has demanded his entire attention. He has never regretted his decision to seek his fortune in the new world, for here, although competition is stronger, opportunities for advancement are greater and as a result of his industry, diligence and intelligently applied efforts, he has gained success far beyond his early hopes.

JOHN NOONE.

Among those men who bring things to pass is numbered John Noone, a man of notable business ability whose marked spirit of enterprise and progress has enabled him to bring to successful completion what he has undertaken. Coming to America when a young man of eighteen years, with but a few cents in his pocket upon his arrival in Chicago, his life has, during the intervening years, been one of continuous and varied activity, his labors covering many branches of industry. Starting out in his present business with but one cab, he now owns the finest and largest livery barn in the city of Danville, and he has other connections which combine to make him one of the most substantial business men of the community.

A native of Ireland, Mr. Noone was born in 1872, and there spent the period of his boyhood and youth, acquiring his education in the schools of that country. The old world offers few advantages to her young men who are not blessed with any especially favoring circumstances, and, possessing a nature in which ambition and energy were salient qualities, Mr. Noone decided to try his fortune in America, which had come to mean to him, as it had to many others, the land of opportunity. Accordingly, when eighteen years of age he crossed the Atlantic, making his way direct to Chicago, Illinois, where he arrived on the 1st



JOHN NOONE



LIVERY STABLES OF JOHN NOONE

of January, 1890, with but a few cents in his pockets. His spirit was undaunted, however, and he at once sought employment, which he found, and for about five months he worked in the Swift Wool house. He then left Chicago and went to San Francisco, California, where he was engaged on the wharves, handling freight and shoveling coal for a few months. He next secured work on a farm in Sutter county, that state, where he worked in the harvest fields for a short time, after which returned to San Francisco and after working a few weeks there again made his way to Chicago. In that city he assisted in the erection of the Masonic Temple and the Alhambra Theater, after which he helped in putting in the abutments of the elevated railroad on Congress street. At the time of the World's Fair in Chicago he assisted in the erection of the buildings, working on nearly all of the structures.

The fall of 1892 witnessed Mr. Noone's arrival in Danville, and after purchasing a team he was here engaged in hauling gravel and coal, becoming so rapid in this line that he could shovel sixty bushels of coal in seven minutes and a yard of gravel in three minutes. He continued buying and selling coal for about five years, hauling his material from Grape Creek, and then when the city began paving the streets he assisted the contractors by hauling brick. In 1897 he purchased his first cab, maintaining his stand on Illinois street, and this proved the initial step in a business which has since grown to extensive proportions. After operating this both night and day for about a year he was able in 1898 to purchase Lester's cab line, which made him the owner of three cabs, and for about a year he occupied a stable in the rear of Ike Stearns. Step by step he worked his way up from this small beginning, carefully arranging his plans and managing his interests, and day by day his trade increased, making it necessary for him to seek larger quarters. In 1900 he purchased a fifty-foot lot on East Main street, where his barn at 728-730 now stands, and as he prospered was able to add fifty feet more the next year and still another hundred feet in the following year. In 1903 he bought the lot adjoining his former purchase, upon which stands a building consisting of two store rooms and two flats above, all modern. In 1909 he purchased a lot east of his original holdings and upon this property erected one of the finest livery stables in the state. It is built in a most modern style, with trestles fifty-seven feet wide by one hundred and five feet long, and everything about it is up-to-date and complete. The barn contains some very fine horses and vehicles of various styles, the equipment being planned to meet every demand in the livery line. In addition he operates the only cab and hack line in the city, meets all the trains, makes hotel calls, handles all kinds of transfer with promptness and in fact is in the lead in all that transfer service includes. He has made a reputation for courtesy and correct business and holds the favor of the city through honest and legitimate methods.

In addition to his business property Mr. Noone also owns much residence property, possessing a neat cottage at 1024 Grove street, a row of houses at 424, 426, 428 and 430 Bryan avenue, a residence at 302 Park avenue and another at 304 Park avenue. He is also the owner of a house and lot in Central Park, and another house with about two acres in Newman, the land being devoted to the raising of fruit. It is at once evident to the reader that in his business ven-

tures Mr. Noone has been eminently successful, and his prosperity is all the more creditable from the fact that it is due entirely to his own efforts. He well deserves the proud American title of a self-made man, for, starting out in life for himself empty-handed, with no capital except ambition, determination and energy, he has steadily worked his way upwards in the business world until today he ranks among the most substantial, progressive and representative business men of the city.

It was in 1890 Mr. Noone was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Sconce, and they became the parents of four children, as follows: Eleanor, Mary, Frank and Maggie, of whom Mary and Frank are yet living. In 1904 Mr. Noone was again married, his second union being with Miss Minnie Olahy, who became the mother of one son, John. In 1902 Mr. Noone sent to Ireland for his mother but took her home after a visit of nine months, as she had become very dissatisfied here. He has, however, visited her twice since that time.

Since becoming an American citizen Mr. Noone has thoroughly identified himself with American customs and institutions, making the interests of this country his own, and in his citizenship has proven most loyal and public-spirited. In politics he is a republican, giving stalwart support to that party, although the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. A man of fine personal appearance, he possesses a kindly spirit and a genial disposition, and the smile with which he invariably greets every one indicates a rare good nature which has won him a most extensive circle of friends.

HERMAN COOK.

Herman Cook, engaged in the livery business in Danville, was born in Westville, this county, in 1885. He is a representative of one of the oldest families of the county, his grandfather, Samuel Cook, being one of the first settlers. He came here from Ohio in pioneer times and settled three miles southeast of Catlin. His son, James P. Cook, the father of Herman Cook, was born in Catlin township in 1855 and throughout his entire life has followed the occupation of farming. He married Miss Evaline O'Neil, whose birth occurred in Georgetown township, Vermilion county, in 1857. Their daughters are: Gertrude, now the wife of Frank L. Downing, a resident of Catlin township; and Stella and Lena, twins, who are living at home.

Herman Cook, whose name introduces this record, began his education in the district schools and afterward continued his studies in Danville. Early in his business life he became manager of a grocery store, of which he had charge for about four years. He afterward turned his attention to the commission business, with which he was connected for nearly seven years, and on the expiration of that period secured a position in a lumber office, where he remained for three years. At the end of that time he opened a livery stable at Nos. 728 and 730 East Main street and has since carried on the business, which has assumed large proportions. He has a well kept livery barn, a large number of good horses and fine vehicles and has a large amount of the funeral

business of the city. He is energetic and determined in all of his business relations and his well directed industry is bringing him substantial success.

Mr. Cook gives his political allegiance to the democratic party but never seeks office as a reward for party fealty. His religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Christian church. He is yet a young man but already has become well established as a factor in business circles in Danville and his salient characteristics are such as promise further success for the future.

D. G. MOORE.

D. G. Moore, a prominent and prosperous resident of Danville, is now extensively engaged in the real-estate business. His birth occurred in Keeseville, Essex county, New York, on the 15th of December, 1834, his parents being A. D. and Mindia (Campbell) Moore, both of whom were natives of Acworth, Sullivan county, New Hampshire. The father an agriculturist by occupation, removed to Essex county, New York, in 1826, making the journey from New Hampshire by team. In the Empire state he purchased a farm and there continued to reside throughout the remainder of his life, becoming quite prominent in local affairs. His demise occurred in Essex county in 1872, while his wife passed away in Denver, Colorado. They had a family of ten children, six sons and four daughters, seven of whom grew to maturity, while five are still living, namely: Arthur E., a resident of Saginaw, Michigan, who is now eighty-one years of age; Davis G., of this review; Juliette, the wife of Dr. Sanford Hoag, of Denver, Colorado; and E. P. and Albert D., both living in Ontario, California. E. P. Moore was connected with the supply department during the Civil war.

D. G. Moore obtained his early education in the public schools and afterward attended the University of Vermont at Burlington, from which he was graduated in 1858. He then took up the profession of teaching and for seven years acted as principal of the high school at Rutland, Vermont, at that time the largest public school in the state. On the 1st of January, 1866, he journeyed westward to Illinois and located in Chicago, where he entered the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway in the capacity of freight clerk, being employed in the freight office for nine months. On the expiration of that period he secured a position with what is now the Wabash Railway, remaining in the service of that corporation for eighteen and a half years or until impaired health necessitated his resignation. He acted as division superintendent of the Danville and Cairo division for three and a half years and became well known in railroad circles. From a humble clerkship he had worked his way steadily upward to the responsible position of division superintendent, winning promotion as he demonstrated his ability, fidelity and trustworthiness. After severing his connection with railroad interests he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, conducting a business of that character in Danville for three and a half years. At the end of that time he went to Chicago and there became associated with the Harvey Land Association, which owned the town

of Harvey. Later he accepted the position of general manager with the Eastern Illinois Coal Company of Grape Creek, Illinois, and capably served in that capacity for about ten years or until the concern sold out. Since that time he has devoted his attention to the management of farm property, controlling about three thousand acres of land in the interests of non-resident owners.

On the 1st of May, 1863, Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Martha J. Hudson, a native of Berkshire county, Massachusetts, by whom he has two sons and two daughters. Allen H., the eldest, is an official of the General Electric Company of Schenectady, New York. He opened their works in Germany and also spent two years in England in the interests of the company, wiring the first underground railroad in London. George D., who graduated from West Point in 1880, has since been a member of the United States army. He spent six years in the Philippines and is now in Honolulu. He participated in the first skirmish at the battle of Manila and was one of the soldiers who captured the notorious Aguinaldo. Ollie M. Moore is the principal of the McKinley school in Danville. Emily L., a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Boston, Massachusetts, is now a teacher of music.

Mr. Moore is a republican in his political views and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but has never sought public preferment. He served as a school director for about ten years and has been a member of the public library board for nearly twenty-five years. He belongs to the Sigma Phi, a college fraternity, and his wife and daughters are members of the Christian Science church. During the many years of his residence in Vermilion county Mr. Moore has gained a host of warm friends, and his family is prominent in social circles of Danville. He has now passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey and can look back upon an active, useful and honorable career.

DENNIS ALBERT CLINGAN.

'Among the young attorneys of Danville whose success is already assured is numbered Dennis Albert Clingan, who was born near Georgetown, Vermilion county, on the 27th of May, 1883, and his parents, John W. and Mary E. (Nesbitt) Clingan, also natives of this county, are still living. The Clingan family came originally from Ireland and settled in Ohio and our subject's grandfather Clingan came to this county about 1830. His wife was born in Vermilion county and was of German descent. On the maternal side our subject is also of Irish origin and the family was founded in Ohio at an early day. In 1860 his grandparents came to Illinois and settled near Georgetown this county. John W. and Mary E. (Nesbitt) Clingan have but two children, Edna E. now the wife of Benjamin A. Learnard, living near Georgetown; and Dennis Albert.

In the district school near Georgetown Mr. Clingan acquired his elementary education and was later graduated from the high school in Danville. He subsequently entered the University of Illinois at Champaign, where he pursued a classical course and was granted the degree of A. B. in 1907. He next took

up the study of law in the Leland Stanford University of California and was admitted to practice in that state, where he conducted an office for eight months.

Since his return to Danville in August, 1909, Mr. Clingan has practiced in this city and has already met with most excellent success in his chosen profession. He is a well read lawyer who has made the most of his advantages and undoubtedly a brilliant future lies before him. The republican party finds in him a stanch supporter of its principles and he is an active member of the Methodist church. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order.

DANIEL RICE.

Among the honored residents of Vermilion county, now deceased, Daniel Rice long occupied a prominent place. For forty-five years he lived in this county, coming from Kentucky at the time of the Civil war in order to secure protection for his family and being himself a valiant soldier in defense of the flag of the Union, although a native of a southern state and many of his friends in the southern army. He is remembered as a brave and sincere man, who knew no higher motive than duty and who did not hesitate in the hour of danger to cast his lot with the cause he believed to be true.

He was born in Lawrence county, Kentucky, October 24, 1820, and was a son of Elijah and Sarah (Rife) Rice, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia and of English and Swiss descent. The paternal grandfather, William Rice, was born near Centerville, Ohio, and was a son of James Rice who came from England and was the founder of the family in this country. He was one of the early settlers of Centerville and it is remembered that upon his one hundredth birthday a family reunion was held at the old home and in the course of the celebration the venerable man ran a foot race with Daniel, the subject of this review, then a boy of twelve or thirteen years, and came out ahead in the race. He lived to an extraordinary age and, according to the records of the family, he did not depart this life until after he had passed the one hundred and thirtieth milestone, being entirely blind during the last fourteen years of his life. William Rice was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and also a well known frontiersman, who fought many battles with the Indians in Ohio. He nobly performed his part before he was called to his reward and was known as one of the bravest among all the frontiersmen in his region.

The parents of our subject were married in Kentucky, Mrs. Rice having removed to that state with her parents when a young lady, the family first settling in Lawrence county and later locating in Carter county. Mr. Rice died in 1850, at the age of sixty-five years. His wife subsequently came to Vermilion county, Illinois, and lived upon a farm near Fairmount until her death, which occurred in 1866, when she was sixty-nine years of age. She was the mother of thirteen children, twelve of whom—nine sons and three daughters—grew to maturity.

Daniel Rice was reared amid the environment of pioneer life. His early home was in the Cumberland mountains, then a wilderness, with few settlements and abounding in wild game. As he grew up he became an expert with the rifle, killing as many as six deer in a day, and, as he related in giving the reminiscences of his earlier life, he one day killed a bear and four of her cubs without assistance from any other person. The opportunities for education were extremely limited and in his case consisted principally of attendance for three months at a log schoolhouse under a teacher whose accomplishments were limited to the ability of being able to read and write. In the frontier environment he gained a love for animals, which was one of his lifelong characteristics, especially for the horse, which he regarded as one of the most useful friends of man.

Mr. Rice remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-five years of age, when he was married and began independently as a farmer, in which he continued until after the outbreak of the Civil war. His sympathies being with the Union, he proffered his services to the federal government and became a member of Company D, Twenty-second Kentucky Infantry, October 21, 1861. He was mustered into service at Camp Swygert on the Ohio river and participated in various engagements in the eastern part of Kentucky. At Ashland, that state, he had a severe attack of measles and lay for a time at the point of death, but was finally sent home on a furlough, returning to his regiment at Baton Rouge in February, 1864. His health continued poor, however, and he received his honorable discharge from the army May 10, 1864, his war experience bringing on nervous prostration, from which he never entirely recovered.

At the time of his furlough Mr. Rice brought his family to Vermilion county, but after his final discharge he visited Arkansas with a view of making a permanent location in that state. Conditions not appearing favorable, he returned to this county and located in Vance township. In 1884 he removed to Sidell township, where he lived until his death, which occurred January 31, 1908. He was for many years afflicted with partial blindness and for some time before his death was totally blind, but, notwithstanding the condition of his health and many difficulties which he was obliged to face at different times in his career, he was always a man of cheerful disposition, looking upon the bright side even when the clouds were darkest, and he became one of the successful farmers of this county.

In August, 1845, Mr. Rice was united in marriage to Miss Flora Ann Jordan, a native of Greenup county, Kentucky, who was eighteen years of age at the time of her marriage. She was the mother of six children: William J.; Mary E., deceased; Albert R. U.; James G., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Edward A.; and Lemuel, deceased. After her death Mr. Rice was married to Mrs. Eliza Jane Moore, a daughter of William J. and Susan (Rawlings) Robertson. To this union five children were born: Martha A., Eliza J., John W., Elijah R. and Catherine. Mrs. Rice was born in Parke county, Indiana, and at seventeen was married to William H. Moore. Five children were the result of that union: Mary E., Charles A., Millie S., Reuben H. and William W.

Mr. Rice was a member of the Baptist church and of the Grand Army of the Republic and from the time of reaching his majority he was a supporter of the democratic party. As will readily be seen, he was a man of decided views, fearless and self-reliant, and a worthy representative of a family that has left its impress on American life.

GEORGE R. DEATRICH.

In the death of George R. Deatrich, Hoopeston lost one of its most valued, progressive and honored residents. He was long a newspaper publisher and writer and never handled superficially the vital questions and interests of the day but studied earnestly into those problems which are of grave import, his intelligent discussion thereof constituting a matter of wide interest and of strongly felt influence. He was born in Strawtown, Indiana, December 26, 1858, a son of Adam and Catherine (Feasante) Deatrich, both of whom were of German descent and on coming to the middle west settled in Noblesville, Indiana, in the early '50s.

George R. Deatrich was educated in the public schools of Cicero, Indiana, pursuing his studies to the age of fifteen years, after which he was apprenticed to the printer's trade in Noblesville, Indiana, applying himself closely to the mastery of the business. Following the completion of his apprenticeship he worked as a journeyman for sixteen years. He came to Hoopeston in 1882 and secured a position as foreman of the Chronicle office, in which capacity he served for eight years; but laudable ambition prompted him to engage in business on his own account and he at length began the publication of the Herald, in which he continued to the time of his death. He made it a strong, enterprising and interesting journal, his editorial writings eliciting wide attention and awakening deep and earnest thought because of his intelligent discussion of vital themes. He also published a volume entitled "The Poorest is Heir to the Best" and other messages which were an intelligent exposition of questions which have long engaged the attention of the thinking men of the age.

In Hoopeston, on the 8th of February, 1883, Mr. Deatrich was married to Miss Jennie M. Barnes, a daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Jane (Nutt) Barnes. Mrs. Deatrich was born in White county, Indiana, on the 2d of March, 1865, and her great-great-grandfather in the paternal line was an officer of the Revolutionary war. By her marriage she became the mother of two children: Natalie E., who was born in Hoopeston, November 22, 1889; and Owen Geiger, who was born September 16, 1884, and died in 1889.

Since the death of Mr. Deatrich his widow and daughter have continued the publication of the Herald, successfully managing the paper and keeping it up to the high standard to which Mr. Deatrich had raised it. They were totally inexperienced in this line of work when they took charge but their abilities proved adequate to the demands made upon them. Mrs. Deatrich is managing the paper editorially and taking care of the office interests, while the daughter acts as reporter and attends to outside business. They employ a number of com-

petent printers and other efficient help and the Herald therefore remains as hitherto one of the leading papers of this section of the state.

In his political views Mr. Deatrich was an earnest republican but never a politician in the sense of office seeking. The only position he ever filled was that of steward in the hospital at Kankakee, to which he was appointed by Governor Yates, filling the office for eight years beginning in May, 1896. He was for many years a member of the Modern Woodmen camp and was a prominent and active member of the Commercial Club of Hoopeston. His influence was always on the side of progress and improvement and it was found that at all times his business activities balanced up with truth and justice.

ANDREW H. KIMBROUGH, M. D.

There are always some men in every locality whom the citizens of the community regard with veneration and honor because of a life that exemplifies all that is commendable, kindly, charitable and of high principle. Such was the position which Dr. Andrew H. Kimbrough occupied in Vermilion county. His life was beautiful in its simplicity, in its freedom from ostentation, in its helpful spirit. At the same time he was a man of strong purpose, of keen discrimination and of marked strength of character. His record, therefore, deserves a prominent place upon the pages of history in this section of the state. He was born in Hardin county, Kentucky, February 27, 1823, and came of a family established in America during colonial days. He was a relative of General Ethan Allen, who commanded the Vermont troops at Ticonderoga and other important battles of the Revolutionary war until his "Green mountain boys" won enduring fame.

Richard Calvin Kimbrough, the father of Dr. Kimbrough, was born in North Carolina and his patriotic loyalty to his country was manifested in active service in the war of 1812. He was wounded at the battle of Horseshoe Bend, his arm being almost entirely severed by the Indians. He likewise participated in the engagement at New Orleans. It was while the second war with England was in progress that the Kimbrough family removed to Kentucky, establishing their home in Hardin county near the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln. In that locality resided the family of Colonel Morrison, an uncle of Dr. Kimbrough. Richard C. Kimbrough was united in marriage in Hardin county to Miss Jane Morrison. By trade a tanner, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits when in the Blue Grass state, cultivating for some time a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which he purchased. At a later date, however, he removed to Stratton township, Edgar county, Illinois, where he lived until his death, which occurred in 1833. His life was in harmony with his professions as a member of the Christian church, in which he served as a minister, and he gave evidence of his attitude upon political questions in his support of the democratic party. His wife long survived him and passed away on the 1st of June, 1876. In their family were nine children, all of whom have now passed away. The family experienced all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life and not only did

Richard C. Kimbrough defend the interests of his country in the war of 1812 but also participated in the Black Hawk and other Indian wars.

Dr. Andrew Hansford Kimbrough was but three years of age when his parents took up their abode upon a farm in Stratton township, Edgar county, Illinois. The state had been admitted to the Union only a few years before and was practically an unimproved wilderness, in which the Indians were far more numerous than the white settlers. Log cabins were the homes of the early pioneers and log pens sheltered the domestic animals, protecting them from the depredations of wild animals at night. Pioneer life in the woods was not the luxury that country life is today. When going to call on a neighbor miles away the shot gun and sharp knife were always carried and they were also taken to the fields and even to religious services which were always held in some settler's cabin. No one could tell at what time on the path through the woods dangerous animals and poisonous reptiles might be encountered. Schools, too, were of a primitive character and the sessions were held only in the winter months when it was impossible to do work out of doors. The remainder of the year was devoted to clearing land, chopping wood and building fences. Instruction was given in reading, writing and arithmetic, and the older pupils had lessons in geography.

Amid such surroundings Dr. Kimbrough spent the days of his boyhood and after reaching man's estate engaged in teaching school for a time during the winter months, while the summer seasons were devoted to the work of the farm. Not being content with the life of the agriculturist, however, he removed to Paris, Illinois, with his little family, then consisting of a wife and three children. Determining to make the practice of medicine his life work, he began studying in the office and under the direction of Dr. John Tenbrook, and afterward spent two winters as a student of the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1858-9. The same year he located for practice in Georgetown, Illinois, and soon had all that he could do. His practice was large and extended over a large territory and in making his visits he traveled through a country in which dense forests, few roads, high rail fences and log cabins were the principal features. No tiling drained the land and the mud was deep and sticky until the summer sun dried it out. Getting lost day and night in strange woods, coming to swollen streams across which there were no bridges, making his way to the opposite bank in a skiff, going without sleep and meals—such was the Doctor's daily life for fifteen years. Realizing at length that his duties were too arduous for one of his age, and feeling that it was unwise thus to ride horseback over the prairies, he removed to Danville in 1873 and in this city continued the practice of his profession for nearly thirty years, or until 1901, when age and health compelled him to retire. He was remarkably successful in his work and took great interest in it, often saying: "It is the grandest calling a man can follow; a physician finds out as no other man can all the troubles of his patients, mental and spiritual as well as physical, and can give relief." He always kept in touch with the advancement of the profession and his care of the sick and administration of remedial agencies were followed by excellent results. He became the loved family physician in many households in Danville, many families retaining his service

until he was no longer in practice. He held membership with the Vermilion County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and he was one of the charter members of the first named.

It was on the 14th of March, 1847, in Marshall, Clark county, Illinois, that Dr. Kimbrough was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Ashmore, who was born in that county, April 10, 1820, and was a daughter of Amos Ashmore, a native of Greenville, Tennessee. Her mother, who in her maidenhood was Patience McGuire, was born in Marion, Pennsylvania, where she was also married. Mr. Ashmore was the first white child born in Greenville and lived in an old cabin there. His father entered eleven hundred acres of land on Duck river in Kentucky, but lost it through war claims. A contemporary biographer has said in this connection: "The great-grandfather of Mrs. Kimbrough was a professor in the University of Edinburg, in London and a church and street of that city were named in his honor. Her grandfather was born in London to which place his parents had removed from Scotland. Her grandfather McGuire was born on the ocean when his parents were crossing the Atlantic to America. He was a strong Catholic and fled from the Emerald isle during the period of the persecution of the Irish people. Both the paternal and the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Kimbrough served in the Revolutionary war under Washington. Her father was an own cousin of Sam Houston, the liberator of Texas, and was said to resemble him greatly in personal appearance. A farmer by occupation, he also engaged in taking contracts for the construction of public roads. For a time he resided near Newman, Tennessee, but before the birth of his daughter he removed to a place five miles from Terre Haute, Indiana, thence going to Clark county, Illinois. Later he became a resident of Georgetown, Vermilion county, and died in Elwood township in 1863, at the age of eighty-one years. His wife had passed away in 1861. In his political faith he was a Jackson democrat and in religious belief was a Presbyterian. Mrs. Ashmore had four brothers who were Presbyterian ministers. One of these, Rev. Stephen Balch, was chaplain of the first congress that convened after the election of George Washington to the presidency of the United States. At his death his remains were interred in the Congressional cemetery at Washington. Mrs. Ashmore is also a distant relative of General Wayne and it is said personally resembled him. Mr. Ashmore in the paternal line was a lineal descendant of Rev. Witherspoon, a Presbyterian minister and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Mrs. Kimbrough now recounts many events of the Revolutionary war which she heard from her own people, and if written would make a very interesting volume. She says that the Indians were very numerous in this state during her early girlhood, and she was personally acquainted with a number of noted chiefs, including Killbuck who traded with the whites. She came to Vermilion county in 1858 and from that time forward has been a resident of this portion of the state. She was one of a family of ten children, three sons and seven daughters, but only one of the number is now living: Margaret, who is the widow of Rev. Isaac Bennett and resides in St. Louis, Missouri.

Unto Dr. and Mrs. Kimbrough were born two daughters and a son, Laura, Eugene R. E. and Ardilla. The son was representative from this district in the state legislature in 1878 and 1879, and for one term was mayor of Danville.

In his boyhood days he declared that he was going to have three diplomas; he won the first from Bryant & Stratton Business College of Chicago; the second from the state university in 1873; and the third upon his admission to the bar. He was one of the leading oratorical contestants in the state university. For fifty-six years Dr. and Mrs. Kimbrough traveled life's journey together and on the 16th of March, 1897, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, which occasion was made a memorable one by the reception tendered them at their beautiful home by relatives and friends who gave substantial evidence of their esteem and regard in the presentation of magnificent and beautiful gifts. Throughout the period of their residence here Dr. and Mrs. Kimbrough occupied a prominent social position. They held membership in the Presbyterian church, at Paris, Illinois, the Doctor being identified therewith for fifty years.

His political allegiance was given to the democracy and at all times he stood as a progressive citizen, deeply interested in local progress and the national welfare, and cooperated in every measure for the public good. He endeared himself greatly to all with whom he came into contact, whether in professional or social relations. He was a man of broad humanitarian principles, kindly in spirit, charitable in disposition, generous in action, and when he passed away, September 17, 1903, when almost eighty-one years of age, the sorrow expressed throughout the entire community was most genuine. He had been a resident of Illinois for more than the Psalmist's allotted span of life—three score years and ten—and throughout that period his life had been actuated by the most honorable principles, so that his example remains as one worthy of emulation by all while his memory is both an inspiration and a benediction to those who knew him.

GILBERT E. MYERS.

Gilbert E. Myers, one of Danville's enterprising citizens, now engaged in the feed and grain business at Nos. 626-628 North Vermilion street, is a native of Illinois, born in Pana, October 7, 1871. On the paternal side his ancestors were from Germany, but the family was founded in the new world at an early day, settling first in Virginia. Later representatives moved to Ohio and from that state to Illinois. It was in Ohio that our subject's father, Asa E. Myers, was born and for many years he was successfully engaged in business as a grocery merchant, but is now living retired in Danville, where he has made his home since 1882. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Carrie M. Murry, was born in Pennsylvania and is of Irish descent. They have become the parents of three children, who are still living, namely: Grace, now the wife of Homer Blair, a real-estate dealer of Danville; Arthur L., now a sailor on the great lakes; and Gilbert E., of this review.

Being only eleven years of age on the removal of the family to Danville, Gilbert E. Myers obtained the greater part of his education in the public schools of this city, where he continued his studies until the age of sixteen. For a period of nine years he was employed in various mercantile establishments here and for six years was with the firm of King & McCuster in the grocery and

commission business. For five years he then engaged in farming, but in 1902 he established his present business as a dealer in feed and grain at his present location. In this venture he met with success and his business now amounts to about fourteen thousand dollars annually.

On the 2d of May, 1893, Mr. Myers was united in marriage to Miss Lida J. Learnard, a daughter of Lester and Hannah Learnard, representatives of a very old and prominent family of Danville. This union has been blessed by three children: Ruth, born in Danville, June 7, 1894; Clarence, January 23, 1898; and Stanley, born September 30, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers are both earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. The republican party finds in him a stanch supporter of its principles, but he has never taken a very active part in politics as his business interests have claimed his entire time and attention.

JOHN E. HART.

It is a recognized fact today that the farming lands of Illinois are among the most valuable and productive regions in the entire country, and the farmer whose property lies within this rich district may consider himself fortunate. This number includes John E. Hart, who, aside from his own farm of eighty acres, is operating two hundred and ninety acres of the family estate, in which connection he is obtaining most substantial results.

He was born on the farm which is yet his home on the 19th of October, 1867, a son of Michael and Rosa (Kelly) Hart, natives of Belfast and Connaught, Ireland, respectively. There they were reared, and the father came to America in early manhood, landing at New Orleans with but a half crown (equivalent to about fifty cents of American money) in his pocket. He was ambitious and industrious, however, and immediately sought employment whereby he might provide for his own livelihood. He worked his way on a boat up the Mississippi to the Ohio river, and on up the latter stream to Cincinnati, where he entered the employ of a Mr. Sullivan, the owner of a large sawmill. At the end of one month he drew ten dollars of his salary, which he sent to his mother in Ireland, together with the half crown which had constituted his entire wealth upon his arrival in this country. Later he went to Columbus, Ohio, with Mr. Sullivan, where he remained for three years, after which Mr. Sullivan went to Champaign county, Illinois, about 1852, and purchased one hundred thousand acres of land in the locality of Broadlands.

Michael Hart came west with his employer, with whom he severed his connections, however, upon arriving in Illinois. He stopped in Vermilion county and was here engaged by the month as a farm hand by Harvey Sandusky, with whom he remained for about eight years, after which he was employed in similar capacity by Amos Donovan for two years. He was then united in marriage to Miss Kelly, who had come to America as a young lady, remaining in Connecticut for a time ere making her way to Vermilion county. After his mar-

riage Mr. Hart located upon a farm of forty acres, which he had previously purchased, and there took up agricultural pursuits on his own account. His place soon showed the results of his well directed efforts and close application, and as he prospered he was able to add to his original purchase from time to time, until he became the owner of a splendid property of six hundred and sixty acres. He also had large stock interests, raising a goodly number of cattle, but he made a specialty of hogs, in which line he was particularly successful. This formed an important part of his business interests and aided very materially in the accumulation of the fortune which came to him as a direct and logical result of his ambition and determination. He was democratic in his political belief and became a man of large influence in Vermilion county. His fellowmen, recognizing his worth and ability, would have honored him with important public office, but although he served as a member of the school board and other like offices he was not a politician in the sense of office-seeking, preferring rather to concentrate his energies upon the conduct of his extensive private interests. He and his wife were both members of the Catholic church, in the faith of which Mr. Hart passed away on the 9th of October, 1905. His widow still survives and makes her home on a portion of the large estate left by her husband.

Fortunate in having his lines cast amid the wholesome scenes and in the healthful atmosphere of rural life, John E. Hart grew to manhood surrounded by the busy activities of the farm, and in the meantime became familiar with those tasks which usually fall to the lot of the country lad. His mental training was acquired in the common schools near his home, which he attended during the winter months. The father, having firm belief in the truth of the old maxim that "In union there is strength," had instituted what might be termed a cooperative system, and the sons, on attaining manhood, all remained on the old homestead, sharing alike in the work of the farm and in the profits accruing therefrom. Thus the interests of one proved the interests of all, and whatever lands were purchased became the property of the family. At the time of the father's demise each of the sons received a deed for eighty acres of land, the mother retaining a life interest in the estate. The remainder of the property was equally divided and John E. Hart and his brother James each have two hundred and ninety acres to operate in connection with their own farms of eighty acres. He gives his entire time and attention to the cultivation of this property, and under his wise direction and careful management has made of his home place one of the finest improved properties in Jamaica township. He has made a thorough study of agriculture in its various branches, cultivates those cereals best adapted to soil and climate and employs the most modern and up-to-date machinery, and his industry and energy have found substantial reward in a most gratifying degree of prosperity.

It was on the 17th of December, 1890, that Mr. Hart was united in marriage to Miss Maggie O'Connell, of Vermilion county, and they have become the parents of four children, Michael Roy, Daniel Edward, Rosa Alice, and John Eldon, all yet at home. The family are communicants of the Catholic church, while politically Mr. Hart gives his support to the democracy, believing that its principles are best adapted to conserve the welfare of the country. For

the past ten years he has served as clerk of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a staunch champion, and in fact all measures which have for their object the permanent upbuilding and development of the community find in him a strong advocate. Industry and progress seem to be the salient features in his career and have been potent elements in the acquirement of a success which, however, speaks not only in terms of material gain but in the regard and high esteem of his fellowmen.

WILLIAM CONNOR.

William Connor is filling the position of plumbing inspector for Vermilion county, in which connection he is discharging his duties with commendable promptness and fidelity. He was born in Danville, January 13, 1875, a son of William and Kathryn (Sweeney) Connor. The father came from County Cork, Ireland, to the new world when about twenty years of age. He had acquired his education in the schools of his native land and on seeking a home in the United States made his way to New York and thence came direct to Danville. He was a cooper by trade and the success which he achieved along business lines came to him as the logical result of his own labors and perseverance. As the years passed he was numbered among the well known and highly respected citizens of Vermilion county. His public-spirited devotion to the general good was manifest in many ways and his cooperation could always be counted upon to further any project that promised to be a factor in the public welfare. He died on the 7th of January, 1884, and his remains were interred in St. Patrick's cemetery.

William Connor was educated in the public schools of Danville but his opportunities in that direction were somewhat limited, as at the early age of thirteen years he began to assist in the support of the family, contributing liberally thereto for many years. He took up cornice work which he followed for about three years and then turned his attention to the mechanical side of railroading, working as a coppersmith and pipe fitter in the shops of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad at this place. There he remained for thirteen years and his broadening experience and long service well qualified him for the duties which he undertook in this direction. At the end of that time he turned his attention to the plumbing business, which he had learned in the railroad shops, and for four years he was engaged in business on his own account on Main street. He met with success in his undertaking and was conducting a growing business when appointed by Mayor Platt to the office of plumbing inspector, in which capacity he has served to the present time. His duties include the inspection of the plumbing in all the new buildings of the county. His offices are on the second floor of the city building and he has three assistants under him whom he employs regularly and when the work warrants it he has the authority to secure needed help. He has charge of all the sewerage in the city and all of his official duties are discharged with promptness and fidelity.

On the 30th of January, 1900, Mr. Connor was married to Miss Josie Garrard, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Reeder) Garrard of Vermilion county. Her father is a prominent city official in the police department. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Connor have been born six children: John, Helen, Harold, Kathryn, Virginia, and Mary, deceased. Fraternally Mr. Connor is connected with the Royal 'Arcanum and he and his family are all prominent workers in St. Patrick's Catholic church. A lifelong resident of Danville, he has become well known here and his is a creditable business and official record.

THOMAS CORWIN McCAUGHEY, M. D.

Dr. Thomas Corwin McCaughey, a physician and surgeon of Hoopeston who, in the long years of his practice has demonstrated his ability to successfully cope with the intricate problems which are met in the effort to restore health and check the ravages of disease, has practiced continuously in Hoopeston since 1871. He was born in Granger, Medina county, Ohio, January 21, 1841, a son of Robert Jackson and Henrietta (Craft) McCaughey, the former a relative of Andrew Jackson. The father died in 1853, having for seven years survived his wife, who died in 1846. He was born in Canton, Ohio, and was of Scotch-Irish lineage. Mrs. McCaughey, whose birth occurred near Huntington, Indiana, was also of Scotch descent.

Dr. McCaughey pursued his early education in the common schools and afterward attended the Smith & Anderson Academy at Fredericksburg, Ohio. His professional education was acquired in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and in the Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated in February, 1868. From the outset of his professional career his labors have been attended with success, viewed from both the professional and the financial standpoint. He has kept in touch with the advancement made by the members of the medical fraternity, as research and investigation have broadened their knowledge and promoted the efficiency of their labors. His reading has been wide and his efforts are at all times of a practical nature. He has ever been most careful in the diagnosis of his case and seldom if ever was at fault in anticipating the outcome of disease. He has not specialized in any particular field but has continued in the general practice of medicine, and the only offices he has ever filled have been that of member of the pension board during the administration of President Harrison and member of the city council.

In January, 1871, in Ford county, Illinois, Dr. McCaughey was married to Miss Mary Ellen Johnston, a daughter of Stanton and Jane Ellen Johnston. They had three children, two daughters and a son, but Cora Etta, their first born, who was also the first child born in Hoopeston, died in infancy. Their youngest, Mary Isadore, is at home. Their son, Robert Stanton, who married Josephine Culbertson, is now a successful practicing physician who at the present time is in Europe, pursuing post-graduate work. He is also a member of the faculty of Rush Medical College and is recognized as one of the distinguished members of the profession in Chicago.

Dr. McCaughey has an interesting military chapter in his life record, having served in the United States Volunteer Army during the Civil war, enlisting on the 6th of August, 1862, and receiving honorable discharge on the 8th of July, 1865. In politics he is a republican with insurgent sympathies. He doesn't believe in the blind following of party leaders, standing in his political connection as he has in every other relation of life, for progress, improvement and advancement. In strongly professional lines he is connected with the Hoopeston Medical Society, of which he is president, the Vermilion County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is today the oldest living resident of Hoopeston in years of continuous connection with the city and is authority upon many of the leading points of its history. His professional duties have brought him into close relation with many households and in all he commands the high regard and love of those to whom he has ministered. His life work has indeed been one of broad usefulness and in every relation has conformed to his professions as a member of the First Presbyterian church.

GEORGE V. WOLFINGTON, M. D.

Dr. George V. Wolfington practicing in Bismarck, his entire time and energies being concentrated upon his professional duties, was born in Boone county, Indiana, July 7, 1863, a son of John H. and Nancy (Martin) Wolfington. The father was a native of Indiana and the mother of Kentucky. In an early day she became a resident of Boone county and her death occurred in 1876. The father, long surviving, passed away in 1904 at the age of eighty-six years. Unto them were born nine children, of whom three are still living.

Dr. Wolfington, one of this family, started out in life on his own account when but twelve years of age and was employed at farm labor for ten years. Eager to improve his education, he pursued a course in a business college and afterward engaged in teaching in a college of that character in Findlay, Ohio. He was engaged in teaching altogether for sixteen years in different states but the profession of medicine attracted him and in preparation for practice he entered the Illinois Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1903 on the completion of the full course. He then located for practice at Henning, where he remained for eighteen months, and in 1905 he removed to Bismarck, where he is now living. His ability is recognized by the general public and a large patronage is accorded him. He is very careful in the diagnosis of his cases and his judgment in professional matters is seldom if ever at fault.

In 1896 Dr. Wolfington was united in marriage to Miss Lella M. Kinnick, who was born near Franklin, Indiana, February 11, 1874, and is a daughter of James T. and Martha (Tilson) Kinnick, both of whom are natives of Johnson county, Indiana, where they still reside. Their family numbered ten children, of whom seven are yet living. Mrs. Wolfington spent her girlhood days under the parental roof and was provided with liberal educational advantages. She



DR. AND MRS. G. V. WOLINGTON AND CLARICE H.

is a graduate of a college at Valparaiso, Indiana, and for eleven years engaged in teaching school. Dr. and Mrs. Wolfington have no children of their own but are rearing an adopted daughter, Clarice H.

Both Dr. Wolfington and his wife hold membership in the Christian church and fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Catlin and the Odd Fellows lodge at Bismarck, in which he has filled all of the chairs. He is likewise a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. His wife is connected with the Rebekah degree, which is the woman's auxiliary of the Odd Fellows society. Politically Dr. Wolfington is a republican but has no desire for office. Both he and his wife are prominent socially in the community where they make their home, having gained a large circle of friends in Bismarck and throughout the surrounding district.

MARTIN KNIGHT.

It has been said that the greatest blessing that can befall any youth is for him to be thrown upon his own resources. In this event it is claimed he will probably develop those virtues of self-reliance, self-control and persistence which conduce to sound judgment and lead to ultimate victory in the great contest with the world. Whether this in true generally speaking or not, it has been true, indeed, in the career of Martin Knight, whose name appears at the head of this review. He early was obliged not only to provide for himself but for other members of the family, and such education as he received has largely been acquired by contact with the world, his school training having been sadly interfered with by the necessity of labor. Mr. Knight, who is a well known farmer of this county, was born in Clark county, Illinois, April 11, 1860. He is a son of Joseph and Lucinda (Flenner) Knight, the father being a native of Virginia and the mother of Ohio. They met in this state and were married in Clark county. Joseph Knight was a soldier of the Civil war and after returning home engaged for many years in farming, retiring to the town of Martinsville, where he died in 1891. The mother departed this life ten or twelve years earlier. They were members respectively of the Methodist Episcopal and the United Brethren churches and by their lives endeavored as nearly as possible to exemplify the teachings of the great book.

As stated above, Martin Knight had little opportunity for a common-school education and from early boyhood he worked out by the month, his salary going to assist in the support of the family. After reaching the age of maturity he continued working by the month, applying himself diligently and gaining a thorough acquaintance with all operations connected with the farm. After retiring he became connected with a bridge building crew on the Burlington & Missouri Railroad in Nebraska, continuing there for five years. However, he found that his interest was identified with the farm and in 1900 he began farming upon his own account upon property in this county owned by Charles Rice in Carroll township. This he conducted successfully for six years and in 1906 he secured a lease upon a farm of three hundred and twenty acres

owned by Samuel Baum in Jamaica township. Here he has carried on operations as a general farmer with marked success and is recognized as one of the most thorough and efficient agriculturists in his part of the county.

In 1884 Mr. Knight was united in marriage to Miss Maria Smith, of Martinsville, Clark county, this state, and to their union nine children have been born, five of whom are now living: Frank, a farmer of Carroll township; and Vera, Leary, Walter and Edna, all living at home. Mr. Knight is fully alive as to the advantages of education and his children have been given every desirable opportunity of school training in the neighborhood. He is affiliated with the republican party and has for many years been identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Knight is a representative farmer and by his application and sturdy character he has gained many friends, and he and his estimable wife are held in high regard by all who claim the honor of their acquaintance.

FRANK A. JOHNSON.

Frank A. Johnson, registered pharmacist, is now conducting an extensive and profitable business as a druggist of Danville. His birth occurred in Rockford, Illinois, on the 15th of November, 1875, his parents being William A. and Christine (Matoon) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Sweden. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in the early '60s, locating first in Cook county, Illinois, while subsequently they took up their abode in Rockford. The mother passed away in 1878 but the father still survives and is identified with the wholesale hardware trade as an employe.

Frank A. Johnson obtained his preliminary education in the grammar and high schools of Rockford and subsequently entered the Northwestern University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1897-8 as a registered pharmacist. He first entered the employ of an uncle, Alfred Johnson, who was engaged in the drug business at Givin, Iowa, and with whom he remained for two years. On the expiration of that period he accepted a position with B. M. Weaver, of Pecatonica, Illinois, in whose service he continued for four years. It was after leaving that gentleman's employ that he took his university course and following his graduation he went to Princeton, Illinois, where for seven years he was connected with the drug firm of Palmer & Trulson. He then came to Danville and here embarked in the drug business on his own account on the 1st of June, 1907, since which time he has conducted a successful establishment of this character at No. 18 East Main street. A drug store has occupied that location for the past half century. Mr. Johnson carries a large and well selected line of goods and his success is due to his honorable methods, earnest efforts to please his customers, judicious advertising and an attractive display of the drugs and druggists' sundries which he handles.

On the 24th of November, 1909, in St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Titus Strass, whose parents are residents of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Johnson is a republican in his political views

and a Lutheran in religious faith. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Masonic order, being a member of the Mystic Shrine. His social nature finds expression through his membership in the One Hundred Thousand Club and the Rod and Gun Club. He is fond of all outdoor sports, including hunting, fishing and baseball. He is a public-spirited man and popular, an unfeigned cordiality and uniform courtesy gaining him the warm friendship and kindly regard of the greater number of those with whom he comes in contact.

ELIJAH J. BOORDE.

Elijah J. Boorde, formerly identified for many years with the agricultural interests of this section of the state and now proprietor of the local telephone exchange at Hoopeston, was born in Oakwood township, Vermilion county, May 17, 1859. His father, George Boorde, a farmer by occupation, came to this county in 1852, removing to Illinois from Fountain county, Indiana. He married Sarah A. Bowling, a native of Ohio, and they became the parents of six children: A. E., a farmer living near Fithian, Vermilion county; Martha, the wife of Joseph Fisher, a resident of Fithian; Elijah J., of this review; Enoch Fillmore, deceased; Rosina, who died in 1869; and Ida May, who has also passed away. Following the outbreak of the Civil war the father offered his services to the government and enlisted as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, continuing at the front until his death in November, 1863. His widow long survived him and died November 26, 1904.

Elijah Boorde pursued his education in what is known as the Black school-house, about two and a half miles west of Fithian, there attending school to the age of eighteen. After his school days were over he worked on the home farm, where he remained for a period of fifteen years, and then spent one year in South Dakota. He then returned to Vermilion county and was again closely identified with farming interests here until 1903, when he took up his abode in Hoopeston and purchased from U. S. Thompson the local telephone exchange. In this connection he has given to the people a good service, a fact which is indicated by the increased number of subscribers which have been secured. Mr. Boorde is still the owner of valuable farm property, comprising two hundred and twenty acres, from which he derives a good rental.

On the 9th of February, 1889, in Urbana, Illinois, Mr. Boorde was married to Miss Anna B. Thompson. She is a native of this county and a representative of one of its oldest families. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children: Mabel Clara, born in Fithian, March 11, 1891; and John Rosslyn, born February 23, 1893.

The parents hold membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church at Hoopeston and Mr. Boorde gives his political support to the republican party. He only takes an active part, however, in politics as a supporter of friends who are seeking office and never seeks political preferment for himself. He belongs

to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and to the Modern Woodmen camp and is also closely associated with the efforts for the business development of the city that are put forth by the Commercial Club of Hoopeston and the Business Men's Association. He is now one of the directors of the Commercial Club, and for a number of years he was a member of the board of education. His labors in behalf of the public welfare are effective, practical and resultant. He is a man of strongly marked character who has come to be recognized as a forceful element in the community and his sterling personal traits of character have won him the high regard and confidence of all with whom he has been associated.

FRED PARK.

Fred Park is president of the Hoopeston Ice & Cold Storage Company, in which connection he has won for himself a place among the substantial and progressive business men of the city. Thoroughness has characterized him in all of his undertakings and close application and energy have brought him to the creditable position which he now fills in the industrial and financial circles of Vermilion county.

He was born in Madison, Indiana, on the 17th of June, 1870, and is a son of William J. and Jane (Baird) Park, the former of Scotch and the latter of Irish descent. The father came to Vermilion county in 1876 and began farming in Grant township, where he continued to follow agricultural pursuits for twenty-two years. He met with an accidental death when on a visit to the city to see his son. When crossing the railroad tracks within three hundred feet of his son's office he was struck by a train and instantly killed, passing away on the 15th of February, 1910. His widow still survives and is yet living in this county. In their family were eight children, of whom six are living: Joseph A., a resident of Quincy, Illinois; Nettie, deceased; Fred, of this review; Ralph J., who is proprietor of a steam laundry at Hoopeston and makes his home in Grant township; Mary, the wife of Edward Carter, who is engaged in mechanical pursuits in Hoopeston; Anna, the wife of Robert Baxter, a pattern maker for the Sprague Company of Hoopeston; Clyde, who is resident manager for the Standard Oil Company at Danville, Indiana; and Salome, who became the wife of Bert Hubbard and died in Hoopeston. The five eldest children were born in Madison, Indiana, and the latter three following the removal of the family to Illinois.

Fred Park, whose name introduces this review, spent the first six years of his life in the place of his nativity and then came with his parents to Vermilion county. His education was acquired in the public schools and in the high school, where he studied for one year. He put aside his text-books at the age of nineteen and then began learning the trade of engineering. He was employed at the Hoopeston electric light plant for four years after obtaining a comprehensive general knowledge of engineering from his father, whom he assisted while the latter was engaged in threshing throughout the county. At the termination of

his four years' connection with the Hoopeston Electric Light Company he removed to Clarksville, Tennessee, where he took charge of the plant for the Clarksville Electric Light & Power Company, there remaining for three and a half years. He then established his home in Flora, Illinois, where he was manager of an electric light plant for four years and in 1907 he returned to Hoopeston, where he became president and manager of the Hoopeston Ice & Cold Storage Company, which was incorporated with Jesse B. Evans as secretary and Ralph J. Park as treasurer. The business from the beginning has grown steadily and substantially and is now accorded a liberal patronage, making the enterprise one of success.

Mr. Park was married at Hoopeston, on the 1st of August, 1895, to Miss Alice Green, a daughter of John Green, a native of England, and they have two children, Madeline and Imogene. Theirs is an attractive home by reason of its warm-hearted hospitality, which is freely extended to their many friends. They are members of the United Presbyterian church and are highly esteemed throughout the community. Mr. Park has made a creditable record in business, his course being marked by steady advancement, gained through ready utilization of every opportunity that has been presented.

GUY S. ALBRIGHT.

Guy S. Albright, a well known and prosperous young resident of Danville is today successfully engaged in business as proprietor of the Lyric pharmacy. A native of Illinois, he was born in Colfax on the 4th of November, 1882, and on both the paternal and maternal sides comes of English origin. His parents, Dr. A. C. and Alice E. (Lowrey) Albright, became residents of Danville in 1907. Being a physician by profession, the father was successfully engaged in practice for many years but is now practically living retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest.

Our subject began his education in the grammar schools of Sibley and was later graduated from the high school there. He next attended the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated in April, 1904, with the Ph. G. degree. After leaving school he was first in the employ of John Conrad, a druggist, at the corner of Forty-seventh street and Lake avenue, Chicago, with whom he remained for about nine months and then went to Gibson City, where he was employed in the drug store of John Freeland until coming to Danville fifteen months later. Here he embarked in the drug business at No. 152 North Vermilion street and three years later also purchased the Oaklawn pharmacy. He is now conducting both establishments and is regarded as one of the best representatives of his profession in the city. He not only understands the drug trade in all its departments but is a very progressive, wide-awake young man whose success has been achieved through his own untiring efforts.

On the 4th of June, 1905, in Kittanning, Pennsylvania, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Albright to Miss Grace A. Hawk, a daughter of John Hawk

of that city. Two children blessed this union: Stanley W., born May 4, 1906; and Alice P., born April 1, 1908.

Although he has never been an aspirant for official honors, Mr. Albright is a stanch supporter of the republican party and in religious faith is a Baptist. He belongs to the Order of Eagles and also to the One Hundred Thousand Club, and the Danville Rod and Gun Club. He is very fond of all outdoor sports, being a baseball enthusiast, but finds his chief recreation in hunting and fishing, making annual trips to the lakes in pursuit of his favorite pastime. Pleasant and genial in manner, he makes many friends and is popular in both business and social circles. Although still a young man, he has already met with most excellent success, and the prosperity that has come to him is well merited.

O. J. GUNNELL.

O. J. Gunnell, who is now prominently identified with the industrial interests of Danville as the secretary and treasurer of the National Fibre Box Company, was in former years successfully engaged in the real-estate, fire insurance and loan business. His birth occurred in Minier, Tazewell county, Illinois, on the 3d of March, 1879, his parents being J. L. and Catherine (Myers) Gunnell, who are natives of Kentucky and Tazewell county, Illinois, respectively. The father came to this state in 1830, first locating in Tazewell county, while subsequently he was engaged in the practice of dentistry at Bloomington for many years. He is now living retired in McLean county.

O. J. Gunnell pursued his education at Minier, Illinois, until twelve years of age and then continued his studies in the public schools of Normal and in the Illinois State Normal School. Following his graduation in 1901 he became an instructor in the Danville public schools and for three years the profession of teaching claimed his attention. On abandoning educational interests he embarked in the real-estate, fire insurance and loan business and carried on a very successful and extensive enterprise of that character until 1909. In that year, in association with J. W. Meitzler, he bought out the Already Box Company and organized the National Fibre Box Company with the following officers: J. W. Meitzler, president; O. J. Gunnell, secretary and treasurer; and Harrison B. Walters, vice president and general manager. Mr. Walters is the inventor of a fibre-bound box on which they have fourteen patents. The industry bids fair to become one of the greatest importance to Danville, for the owners are men of excellent business ability, keen discernment and unswerving integrity.

In his real-estate operations Mr. Gunnell won a gratifying measure of success. When the Adams, Lewman and Homles addition was opened in 1904 he undertook a contract to sell thirty-six lots in two months and disposed of the property in six weeks. Subsequently he sold the Summit addition, for which he had the sole agency, and later disposed of the McDonald Peyton addition and others.

On the 30th of November, 1905, Mr. Gunnell was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Kemp, a native of McLean county and a daughter of J. J. and Nancy (Briggs) Kemp. Her father was a prominent pioneer resident of this state and became very wealthy, owning considerable property. He imported French horses on an extensive scale and was a member of the Board of Trade. Mrs. Kemp came to Illinois from Ohio in pioneer days. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gunnell has been born a son, Edwin Kemp, whose birth occurred on the 1st of April, 1907.

Fraternally Mr. Gunnell is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. For two years he had charge of the Danville Chautauqua in connection with W. L. Primm and was instrumental in procuring some of the best speakers in the country to lecture here. He is alert and enterprising, possessing the progressive spirit of the times, accomplishing in business circles what he undertakes, while his geniality and deference for the opinions of others have won him a host of friends.

WILLIAM W. CURRENT.

William W. Current, a well known and respected resident of Danville, has for the past seventeen years ably discharged the duties devolving upon him in the capacity of deputy county clerk. His birth occurred in Newell township, Vermilion county, Illinois, on the 27th of November, 1842, his parents being Henry B. and Martha (Sroup) Current. The father was born in Randolph county, West Virginia, on the 8th of July, 1824, while the mother first opened her eyes to the light of day in Ohio on the 18th of January, 1820. Henry B. Current followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. William W. Current, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Virginia and a wagon maker and blacksmith by trade. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Boston.

In the acquirement of an education William W. Current attended the district schools and also the public schools of Danville. After putting aside his textbooks he devoted his attention to the work of the fields until eighteen years of age and then entered the service of the Wabash Railroad, working in the office and yards of that corporation for eleven years. On severing his connection with railroad interests he once more turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and was thus engaged until appointed to the office of deputy county clerk, which position he has filled in a highly creditable and satisfactory manner for the past seventeen years. There is also a military chapter in his life history, for at the time of the Civil war he enlisted in defense of the Union as a member of Company K, Thirty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Black.

Mr. Current has been married twice. On the 6th of November, 1866, he wedded Miss Margaret M. Ellsworth, who was born on the 9th of November, 1843, her parents being Sylvanus and Sarilda (Graves) Ellsworth. By this union there were three children, as follows: Oscar E., whose birth occurred November 9, 1867, and who passed away November 9, 1874; Henry S., born December

8, 1873, who died on the 25th of October, 1891; and Maude, twin sister of Henry, who gave her hand in marriage to H. H. Lattan on the 23d of October, 1895. The wife and mother passed away on the 10th of July, 1878, and on the 15th of February, 1880, Mr. Current was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary A. Makemson, whose natal day was June 8, 1858. Her parents were Hiram and Prudence G. Makemson, the former born on the 2d of April, 1826, and the latter on the 19th of September, 1834. Unto William W. and Mary (Makemson) Current has been born one child, Prudence, who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 28th of August, 1890.

In his political views Mr. Current is a stanch republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Masons. He has remained in this county from his birth to the present time and that his life has ever been upright and honorable is indicated by the fact that the associates of his youth and early manhood are still numbered among his stanch friends and admirers.

CHARLES M. WINTROWD.

One of the prominent business men and representative citizens of Danville is Charles M. Wintrowd, who is now successfully engaged in the manufacture of ice cream. He was born in Tipton county, Indiana, on the 13th of January, 1859, and is a son of Daniel and Mary I. (Kellum) Wintrowd, both of whom are now deceased. The father was of Scotch descent but the mother's people came originally from Germany and were later known as Pennsylvania Dutch. Throughout his business career the father engaged in merchandising and died at his home in Kokomo but was buried in Tipton, Indiana. The mother subsequently lived with our subject and at her death was interred at Fortville, Hancock county, Indiana.

Charles M. Wintrowd obtained a good practical education in the public schools of Kokomo, Indiana, and later attended the high school at Ionia, Michigan. After laying aside his studies he became associated with his father in general merchandising under the firm name of Wintrowd & Son and for several years they carried on the business together, first at Greensburg, Indiana, and later at Tipton, that state. In 1873 the family moved west, settling in Nevada City, Missouri, where the father conducted a general store for about five years, removing at the end of that time to Kokomo, Indiana, where the father died. In the spring of 1894, after the death of his father, Mr. Wintrowd came to Danville, accompanied by his family and mother, and here he has since engaged in the manufacture of ice cream, associating himself in business with A. B. Shank, which partnership continued until 1905. He then purchased Mr. Shank's interest and has since been alone. Although he began here in a very small way, he has increased his business from year to year and now manufactures from eight hundred to one thousand gallons of ice cream per day and ships his products all over the surrounding country. His first location

was at No. 706 East Main street, where he continued to carry on the business for ten years and then removed to his present plant on the southeast corner of Hazel and South streets. On embarking in his present business a great many of the leading business men of the city predicted his failure, but he surmounted all obstacles and is today the leading representative of his line of trade in eastern Illinois. He employs from twelve to fourteen hands and, owing to the superiority of his product, it finds a ready sale on the market.

Mr. Wintrowd was married at Logansport, Indiana, August 22, 1888, to Miss Tessie Williams, a daughter of Jerome Williams, who was one of the old residents of that city. They have become the parents of three children, namely: Ernest D., who was born in Tipton, Indiana, December 31, 1890; Wana, who was born in Kokomo, Indiana, December 16, 1892; and Amy, who was born in Danville, Illinois, July 28, 1900.

In politics Mr. Wintrowd is independent, voting for the man whom he believes best qualified to fill the office, regardless of party lines. He holds membership in the Christian church and is also identified with the Commercial Club at Danville, the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Masonic fraternity, having taken all the degrees up to the commandery in the last named order. He is also a member of the National Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers and in business circles stands deservedly high.

L. T. GRAVES.

For over sixty years L. T. Graves was a resident of Vermilion county and came to be numbered among its most worthy citizens. He was born on a farm which now adjoins the northern boundary line of Westville, his natal year being 1846, and he was a son of Greenville Graves, one of the pioneer settlers of this county. Upon the old home farm he grew to manhood and at the usual age began his education in the old McMillan schoolhouse near his home. After attaining his majority he came to Danville and commenced clerking for William Mann, who at that time owned the largest dry-goods store in the city. He continued in his employ until Mr. Mann's death and later held positions in several other stores but finally turned his attention to real estate and in that business met with most excellent success from the start. A progressive and energetic business man, of known reliability, he usually carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertook.

Mr. Graves was married in Danville in 1893 to Miss Alice Hiestand, a daughter of William Hiestand, who came to this city at a very early day. Here she was engaged in the dressmaking business for a number of years, her patrons being among the leading citizens of Danville. To Mr. and Mrs. Graves were born two children: Margaret Marie and Mabel Alice, who are now attending school.

Mr. Graves was a very prominent and active member of the First Presbyterian church and died in that faith on the 10th of January, 1907. By his ballot he usually supported the men and measures of the democratic party and as a

public-spirited and enterprising citizen took a commendable interest in those enterprises which he believed calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of the community. He was actively identified with all church and philanthropic work and his aid was never withheld from any worthy object. A consistent and earnest Christian and an enterprising and loyal citizen, his death was deeply mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

JOSEPH HUTCHINSON DECKER.

Joseph Hutchinson Decker, proprietor of an establishment popularly known as the Young Men's store, is a prominent representative of the commercial interests of Hoopeston. A spirit of enterprise characterizes him in all that he does and his close application and energy have been the salient features in the success which he is now enjoying.

A native of Illinois, he was born in Richland county, August 21, 1882. His father, William King Decker, whose birth occurred in Lawrence county, Illinois, is now a resident of Hoopeston, where he is engaged in the real-estate business. In early manhood he married Emma Hutchinson, a native of Bremen, Fairfield county, Ohio. Both came of Scotch-Irish ancestry. They removed to Vermilion county, Illinois, about 1890, settling in Cheneyville, where the father engaged in general merchandising, there remaining until the beginning of the year 1910, when he came to Hoopeston, where he is now conducting a real-estate business.

In the family were twelve children, ten of whom yet survive. John W., born in Richland county, Illinois, is a painter by trade and resides in Hoopeston. Charles N., also a native of Richland county, is in the government postal service at Danville. Ida M., born in Richland county, is the wife of Nevin W. Raber, a telegraph operator in the railway service at Economy, Illinois. Joseph H. is the next of the family. Todd, born in Richland county, is a railway mail clerk on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad and resides at Hoopeston. Edith, born in Richland county, is a teacher in the schools of Grant township. Genevieve, born in the same county, is engaged in teaching in Ross township. Talmage, born in Richland county, is a telegraph operator on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and resides at Lebanon, Illinois. Malcolm, born in Vermilion county, is a student in the Hoopeston high school. Albert, born in Benton county, Indiana, is attending the public schools of Hoopeston. The two who passed away were James Milton and Franklin Earl, both of whom were born in Richland county.

Joseph H. Decker acquired his early education in the public schools of Sumner and of Cheneyville, Illinois, and afterward spent one year in Greer College at Hoopeston. He left school when about eighteen or nineteen years of age and secured a position with the firm of Erickson & Swanson, general clothiers and furnishers, with whom he remained for six years, thoroughly mastering the business. His faithfulness and capability are indicated in his long connection with that house. Laudable ambition, however, prompted him to engage in business on his own account, and on the 1st of September, 1907, the firm of Decker &

Goodwin was organized. They located at No. 209 East Main street, where they opened a line of men's furnishing goods, continuing at that location until June 1, 1909, when they removed to No. 210 East Main street in order to secure larger quarters, necessitated by their increasing business. On the 10th of November, 1910, they dissolved partnership, and Mr. Decker is now alone in business. He has today the only exclusive men's furnishing store in the city of Hoopeston. He carries a complete and elegantly assorted line of the most up-to-date goods on the market and his store and stock would be a credit to the first city of the land. His establishment is popularly known as the Young Men's store. He makes it his purpose to carry such a line as the general trade demands and is very careful to secure such style and workmanship as will make his goods most attractive.

On the 21st of June, 1906, Mr. Decker was married in Hoopeston, Illinois, to Miss Pearl Goodwin, the adopted daughter of D. H. Chapman, who was among the pioneer settlers of this locality. Mrs. Decker was born in Vermilion county and now has one daughter, Virginia Josephine, who was born in Hoopeston, September 10, 1907.

The parents are members of the First Presbyterian church and are active and interested in its work. Mr. Decker is a valued representative of the Masonic lodge and is serving as its secretary at the present time. In politics he is independent, voting for men and measures rather than for party, and at times he has been an active worker in support of those whose election he has deemed vital to the best interests of the community. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to the office of city clerk of Hoopeston on the 15th of April, 1906, and he has since filled that position. He is a young man of many sterling traits of character as well as of good business ability, and high regard is uniformly tendered him.

GEORGE R. TILTON.

George R. Tilton, an attorney of Danville, is well known as an able and successful representative of the legal fraternity. His birth occurred in Ripley county, Indiana, on the 8th of October, 1860, his parents being William W. and Nancy J. (Robertson) Tilton. The father was a wagon maker and farmer by occupation, while the grandfather, Enoch Tilton, likewise followed general agricultural pursuits and also preached the gospel as a minister of the Baptist denomination.

After completing his studies in Moores Hill College of Moores Hill, Indiana, George R. Tilton entered the Wesleyan Law School of Bloomington, Illinois, from which institution he was graduated in 1884. Locating at Danville, he soon won a good clientage and remained in active practice until 1897, when he became identified with journalistic interests as editor and manager of the Daily Democrat at Danville, publishing the paper until 1908. In that year he once more took up the legal profession and has since enjoyed an extensive and lucrative practice, with offices in The Temple. Much of the success which has attended him in his professional career is undoubtedly due to

the fact that in no instance will he permit himself to go into court with a case unless he has absolute confidence in the justice of his client's cause. Basing his efforts on this principle, from which there are far too many lapses in professional ranks, it naturally follows that he seldom loses a case in whose support he is enlisted.

Mr. Tilton is a stanch democrat in politics and ably served as a member of the Illinois legislature in 1889 and 1890, his district comprising Vermilion and Edgar counties. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In his profession he has made continuous and satisfactory progress, thoroughly informing himself upon the law bearing upon every legal interest entrusted to his care.

CHARLES E. RUSSELL.

The legal profession in Hoopeston finds a worthy representative in Charles E. Russell, a man of strong intellect and of high professional attainment. Recognizing the fact that success at the bar must depend not only upon a comprehensive knowledge of legal principles but also upon a thorough understanding of every detail of his case that he may strongly present his case before the courts, he has labored diligently and persistently to meet all the requirements of successful practice and is now accorded a large and distinctively representative clientage.

He was born in Iroquois county, Illinois, April 4, 1865. His father, Lemuel Baxley Russell, was a leading farmer of this section of the state, exclusively engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He was born at Williamsport, Warren county, Indiana, and removed to Fountain Creek township, Iroquois county, Illinois, in the '60s. Several years prior to his death he turned over the management of his farming interests to his sons and retired to private life, making his home in Hoopeston. He had become the owner of one thousand acres of land in Iroquois county and his success was attributable entirely to his intelligently directed labors. He married Anna Elizabeth Hickman, who is still enjoying good health at the old home in Hoopeston at No. 404 South Fourth street. Four children have been born unto them: Peter, who met an accidental death, being killed by a horse in Milford, Iroquois county, when but seven years of age; Charles E., of this review; Dr. Lemuel B. Russell, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work; and Lawrence, who died in infancy. The surviving sons were each given fifteen thousand dollars in real estate by their father on arriving at years of maturity. Mr. Russell was a very prominent business man and his keen discernment and unfaltering industry constituted the basis of his success. In his business life, moreover, he exemplified the fact that honesty is the best policy, and his wise investments enabled him to prove that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

Charles E. Russell attended the Amity district schools in Iroquois county and there pursued his studies to the age of sixteen years, after which he went to Bloomington. He also studied for a year in Grant Prairie Seminary at Onarga,

at the end of which time he turned his attention to the profession of teaching, which he first followed in the Rudd district. Later he engaged in teaching at Goodwine, Iroquois county, Illinois, being connected with the schools there for five years during the winter months, while the summer seasons were devoted to farming. Later he concentrated his energies upon agricultural pursuits, to which he gave almost his entire time for ten years. While on the farm, however, he read law under the preceptorship of Isaac Miller Hamilton, now president of the Federal Life Insurance Company of Chicago, and on examination was admitted to the bar at Mount Vernon, Illinois, in August, 1896. He then began practicing in Hoopeston, where he has since remained, a liberal patronage being accorded him. At the same time he superintends extensive landed interests in Iroquois county, Illinois, and Warren and Hamilton counties, Indiana, controlling nine hundred and sixty acres. Aside from the private practice of his profession he served as city attorney from 1899 until 1903 and ably defended those municipal interests which sought settlement in the courts.

On the 5th of April, 1887, at the home of her parents near Pine Village, Warren county, Indiana, Mr. Russell was married to Miss Anna Margaret Blind, a native of Warren county and a daughter of John and Mary Blind. They have two sons: Baxley Blind, born June 29, 1891; and Charles Elbert, March 17, 1893. Both were born near Hickman, Iroquois county, in Fountain Creek township. The elder son is a graduate of the Hoopeston high school and is a student in the freshman class of the Princeton University of Princeton, New Jersey. The younger son is a senior in the Hoopeston high school. Mrs. Russell is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church and the family frequently attend the Universalist church.

In his political views Mr. Russell is an earnest democrat and at times an active worker in party ranks. He has been a delegate to the county conventions and in 1897-98 filled the office of alderman. He is also president of the school board at this time and is a staunch champion of the cause of education. He belongs to the Vermilion County Bar Association and to the Commercial Club and cooperates in all movements which he deems beneficial to Hoopeston, never at any time being neglectful of the duties of citizenship nor of his obligations to his fellowmen.

ROBERT KLEIN.

Robert Klein, who is successfully engaged in business as a cigar manufacturer of Danville, was born in Germany on the 14th of February, 1873, his parents being Jacob and Katherina (Widman) Klein. In the year 1882 the father emigrated to the United States with his family, locating first at La Salle, Illinois, where he was engaged in railroad work. Subsequently he took up his abode in Aurora, Illinois, where his demise occurred in 1895 when he had attained the age of forty-eight years. His wife was called to her final rest in 1900.

Robert Klein attended the public and parochial schools of Aurora until fourteen years of age and then began learning the cigar maker's trade. In 1898 he

embarked in business on his own account as a manufacturer of cigars at Aurora but came to Danville the following year. He first settled at Germantown but later determined to locate in the business section of Danville and erected his present fine store and factory at No. 513 East Main street, removing thereto in 1901. The enterprise has enjoyed a steady growth throughout the intervening years and Mr. Klein is widely recognized as one of the prosperous, progressive and representative residents of Danville.

In 1896, in Kendall county, Illinois, Mr. Klein was united in marriage to Miss Lena Zeiter, a native of Germany, who came to this country when a girl with her parents, William and Lena Zeiter. The family home was established in Kendall county, where Mr. Zeiter turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Klein have been born eight children, four sons and four daughters, namely: Jacob, Erick, Nora, Alma, Elsie, Elizabeth, Robert and William. The parents are devoted and consistent members of the German Lutheran church, exemplifying its teachings in their daily lives.

THOMAS CHESTER FORBES.

At the time of his death, which occurred on the 9th of January, 1895, Thomas Chester Forbes was one of the oldest residents of Danville, having passed the ninety-second milestone on life's journey, and during more than six decades of that period he had been a resident of this city. The prominent part which he took in the upbuilding of the city and his active efforts to promote its welfare and progress caused him to be recognized as one of its leading men, while his many excellent traits of character gained for him a personal feeling that was deeper and stronger than mere regard and respect.

Mr. Forbes was a native of Connecticut, his birth having occurred in New Haven on the 12th of November, 1803. The ancestral line in America can be traced back to 1630. His grandfather, Captain Elijah Forbes, was closely connected with shipping interests, and Benjamin Forbes, father of Thomas C. Forbes, became a sea captain. The latter wedded Sarah Scott and always made his home in New England.

Reared in Connecticut, Thomas C. Forbes acquired his education in the schools of that state and remained a resident of New England until thirty years of age, when in 1833, attracted by the opportunities of the new but rapidly growing west, he came to Illinois, bringing with him a stock of goods in a trunk, of which he disposed. He then joined L. T. Palmer in conducting the land office and they also engaged in loaning money and bought and sold land warrants until the land office was removed from Danville about the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. He utilized his opportunities for judicious investment and in the course of time became the owner of much property which rose in value as the district became more thickly settled. Thus in time his realty holdings became extensive and as his prosperity increased he aided most generously in supporting and furthering any movement which he deemed of benefit to the community. He was very active and his keen discrimination, sagacity and

sound judgment made him well fitted for leadership. His endorsement of any public measure or project insured a large following for it was well known that he had the best interests of the community at heart. The Danville of to-day largely stands as a monument to his enterprise and his public-spirit.

On the 29th of January, 1874, Mr. Forbes was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Hessay, a daughter of William and Catharine A. (Cannady) Hessay, who for many years conducted a general store here and made his home in Danville until his death, which occurred December 4, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Forbes became the parents of two daughters, Cordelia Catharine and Caroline Chester. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Forbes married Joseph Gibson English and still makes her home in Danville.

The family attend the Episcopal church, of which Mr. Forbes was a member, and in his political views he was an independent democrat. He had deep sympathy for all who needed assistance—a sympathy that had tangible manifestation in ready and generous aid. He was a friend to all classes and although he became one of the wealthy men of the city he never allowed the accumulation of wealth to affect in any way his attitude to those less fortunate. He was extremely active, accomplished what he undertook, and as the years passed on firmly established himself in the regard and good-will of his fellow citizens.

PHILEMON SPICER SCONCE.

The life record of Philemon Spicer Sconce was never marked by exciting events or sensational chapters, but there is in his history much that is worthy of contemplation and much that may be emulated, for he was ever loyal to duty, discharging faithfully the tasks that came daily to his hand. Vermilion county numbered him among her native sons, his birth having occurred at Brookspoint, March 22, 1835. He was a son of John L. Sconce, who came from Kentucky to Illinois in pioneer times when the work of development and progress seemed scarcely begun. He settled upon a farm near Brookspoint and with characteristic energy began the cultivation of his land, which in due time he converted into good fields. Both he and his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (Spicer) Sconce, remained upon that farm until called to their final rest.

Upon the old homestead Philemon S. Sconce was reared and in the country schools he acquired his education. He shared with the family in all of the trials and hardships incident to pioneer life and he lived to witness the remarkable changes wrought by time and men as the country became more thickly settled and the advantages of the older east were introduced. From early boyhood he followed the plow and soon became acquainted with the best time for getting in the crops and the best methods of caring for the fields. In the late summer and autumn he made a hand in the harvest fields and naturally when he started out in life on his own account he followed the occupation to which he had been reared. Throughout his entire life he carried on general farming and stock-raising and became the owner of a valuable property, equipped with all modern

conveniences and accessories. He also raised good grades of stock and this proved a profitable feature in his business, so that in course of time he gained a handsome competence through his well directed labors.

Mr. Sconce was married in Vermilion county, August 31, 1887, to Miss Kate Noone, who was born in Ireland and came to the United States with her brother, Patrick Noone, also a native of the Emerald isle. The father was never a resident of Vermilion county but after his death the mother made her home here. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sconce were born six children, of whom four are yet living: Helen, Mary, Katie and Philemon Spicer, all of whom are yet in school.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church. In his political views Mr. Sconce was a republican and took a very active part in all of the affairs of the township, doing everything in his power to promote public progress and to further the best interests of the community. He passed away December 21, 1896, when sixty-one years of age, having spent his entire life in this county, where his many good qualities won for him the kindly regard of all who knew him. He was faithful in citizenship, loyal in friendship and devoted to the welfare of his wife and children, his best traits of character being ever reserved for his own home and fireside.

ISAAC R. SMITH, JR.

The man who starts out at seventeen years of age and by diligence and economy makes his own way in the world and gains a recognized position in society, has attained a measure of success; if he becomes the owner of a well developed farm in one of the richest farming communities of Illinois he is to be congratulated; but if he does all this by honest and straightforward methods he has certainly accomplished a noble object and presents an example worthy of imitation. Such a man is the one whose name stands at the head of this review.

Isaac R. Smith, Jr., was born on the farm on which he now lives, July 29, 1862, and is the son of David R. and Lydia (McNiece) Smith, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Tennessee. The father came to Vermilion county at an early day and was here married, engaging in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1902. He became the owner of a well developed farm of sixty acres and was a man of high standing in the community. The mother is now living with our subject. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Alfred, Pleasant, Isaac R., and Allan, who died at the age of eight months.

The subject of this review was reared upon the home farm and received his early education in the district schools. Even as a boy he was ambitious and energetic and at seventeen years of age he started out for himself. He rented land, conducting his operations with such ability that in a few years he was able to buy a small tract, to which he has added as his means increased, until at the present time he is the owner of a highly improved farm, consisting of two hundred and sixty acres of the choicest land in Vermilion county. It re-



I. R. SMITH, JR., AND FAMILY

quired many years of toil and self-denial, but the object of his ambition has in an important degree been realized and the family home is a large and attractive residence, the surroundings conveying the impression of good taste and a well applied prosperity.

On August 24, 1892, Mr. Smith was happily united in marriage to Miss Sarah M. Coe, who was born February 10, 1857, and is a daughter of Edward G. and Sarah (Wiseman) Coe, both of whom were born in West Virginia. Mr. Coe came to this state, settling near Ridge Farm, where he conducted operations in agriculture and live stock for many years, and was called from earthly cares March 4, 1901, being at that time the owner of one of the valuable farms of the neighborhood, comprising two hundred and sixty acres. Mrs. Coe died in 1866. There were nine children in their family, of whom the four now living are: Lafayette; Louisa, the wife of Owen Canaday; Emma, the wife of Mr. Enslow, of Chicago; and Sarah M., the wife of our subject. Those deceased are: Virginia, Oralee, Tennessee, Jane, and one child who died in infancy. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, two of whom are living: Sherman E., born September 16, 1895; and Arthur R., born February 10, 1901.

Mr. Smith is an earnest upholder of the principles of the republican party, as he believes that those principles best insure the prosperity and continuance of popular government. He and his wife are affiliated with the Presbyterian church and are active workers in that organization. Their home is without question the abode of that peace and comfort, which is a proof of congeniality and right living. As a farmer Mr. Smith has greatly prospered and as a citizen he is respected not only for his business ability but for his upright personal character.

C. H. EVANS, M. D.

Dr. C. H. Evans, who has won an enviable reputation as a skilled and able representative of the medical profession in Danville, was born in Danville township, Vermilion county, Illinois, on the 31st of July, 1875, his parents being Samuel F. and Helen E. (Jones) Evans. The father, whose birth occurred in Parke county, Indiana, passed away on the 9th of November, 1909. The mother lived here throughout her entire life except three and one-half years spent in the West in search of health. She passed away August 4, 1910. She was connected with the old Starr family. Her father owned considerable land southeast of Danville, and the property which constitutes the present site of the Soldiers Home was in possession of her uncle Dennis Olehy, in the early days.

Dr. C. H. Evans obtained his education in the public schools of Danville and then took up the profession of teaching, being an instructor in the public schools of Vermilion county for nine years. Wishing to become a member of the medical profession, he entered the Illinois Medical College of Chicago in 1900 and was graduated therefrom in March, 1905. After receiving his degree he practiced in the western metropolis for six months but since September, 1905, has resided continuously in Danville and has won a gratifying patronage. He did not cease

to be a student when he left college, but by reading and investigation has broadened his knowledge and promoted his efficiency, also keeping in touch with the onward march of the profession through the interchange of ideas in the Vermilion County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He has likewise been connected with Lakeview Hospital. His fraternal relations are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and Unity Lodge, No. 344, A. F. & A. M., of Perrysville, Indiana. In the county where practically his entire life has been spent he is well known as a successful young physician and esteemed citizen.

ROBERT R. RODMAN.

Robert R. Rodman is serving for the second term as city attorney of Hoopeston, in which connection he is doing much to sustain the reputation which this enterprising little city has long borne for morality and strict enforcement of the law. He does not fear to risk his political possibilities by the faithful performance of duty in behalf of law and order and that he has the support of the best citizens is indicated in the fact of his reelection. Vermilion county may be proud to number him among her native sons. His birth occurred in Grant township, September 16, 1883.

His father, Samuel A. Rodman, was a resident farmer of Grant township, long numbered among the respected and valued citizens of the community. He married Josephine Nelson and unto them were born nine children, of whom seven are yet living. William, a native of this county and now railway mail clerk residing in St. Paul, is also a landowner in Canada and North Dakota. He served as a member of the Fifty-second Iowa Infantry during the Spanish-American war and married Miss Louise Davis; Hattie, also a native of this county, is at home with her parents; Harry, who married Della Newbern, is a farmer residing at Luverne, Minnesota; Oscar is deceased; Frank, who wedded Mary Burnison, follows agricultural pursuits near Alpena, South Dakota; Nellie is at home; Walter follows farming on the old home place in Grant township. He attended the State University, from which he received a certificate, and is an expert judge of horses.

Robert R. Rodman, reared upon the old homestead farm, pursued his early education in the district schools of Grant township and afterward entered the Hoopeston high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1903, when twenty years of age. Determining upon a professional career, he took up the study of law at the University of Illinois and was graduated with the class of 1906. Following his graduation he came to Hoopeston, where he entered upon active practice and in 1907 was elected city attorney. So capably did he fill the office that on the expiration of his two years' term he was reelected and is therefore the present incumbent. His work for the strict enforcement of the law has won the commendation of all those who have regard for the fair name of Hoopeston. He regards his oath of office as something sacred and obligatory. At a recent date he was concerned in an attempt to suppress law-

lessness among those who do not regard the liquor laws as binding. It seems that J. Frank Snively and others had induced two boys to fix up a so-called "club room" and therein gambling and drinking were the principal features of entertainment. There was no light in the room from outside, this being furnished by electric bulbs, and entrance and exit to the rooms were by an outside stairway at the rear of the building. City authorities became suspicious of the place and the city marshal, two of the aldermen and City Attorney Rodman planned to suppress the evil that was there going on. A hole was drilled through the brick wall of the basement and this furnished evidence of the character of the place. Money was seen to change hands over the gambling table and liquors were in constant use. At length a raid was made upon the place with the results that arrests and fines followed. It is the intention of the authorities of Hoopeston to permit no such lawlessness being carried on and City Attorney Rodman will push matters to the limit if tangible evidence is furnished him. He is an earnest and discriminating student of the law and is making substantial progress in his chosen profession, so that there is no hesitancy in predicting for him a successful future. Aside from his law practice he is a stockholder in the Hoopeston National Bank.

On the 16th of June, 1910, Mr. Rodman was married in Wellington, Illinois, to Miss Lillian H. McIntyre, a native of Canada, born at St. Johns, New Brunswick, July 26, 1884, and a daughter of James McIntyre. The young couple are socially prominent in the city, where they have many friends. In politics Mr. Rodman is a republican and an earnest worker in the party. His military experience has been with Company B of the Third Regiment, Illinois National Guard, of which he served as corporal for one year and three months. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, is in thorough sympathy with the projects of the Commercial Club for the upbuilding and improvement of Hoopeston and as a member takes an active part in the work of the organization. He also belongs to the Vermilion County Bar Association and is a member of the honorary law fraternity of the University of Illinois. He attends the Presbyterian church and as a young man has made a creditable record, showing that he is fearless and courageous in support of his honest convictions and in the performance of his duties. Such a man deserves to prosper and should receive the support of the public in this connection.

GEORGE McROALES.

George McRoales, conducting a well appointed blacksmith shop in Danville, was born in Vigo county, Indiana, on the 24th of March, 1866, his parents being Hiram C. and Sarah (Guess) McRoales, natives of Virginia. They came to Illinois at an early day, settling in Fayette county, where the father followed general agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest in 1878. The death of the mother occurred about 1877. Unto them were born eight children but only two survive, namely: Lida, the wife of Frank Buckmaster, of Decatur, Illinois; and George, of this review.

The latter, who was left an orphan when in his thirteenth year, was thus thrown upon his own resources at a tender age. Securing employment as a farm hand, he worked by the month for three years, receiving eighty-five dollars for his services during the entire period. When a youth of seventeen he became an apprentice in a blacksmith shop, receiving a wage of fifty dollars for the first year and one hundred dollars for the second year. His apprenticeship covered a term of four years and each twelve months his salary was increased by fifty dollars. After having mastered the trade he was able to command the regular wage of a blacksmith and was employed at that occupation for a few years. He then opened a shop of his own at Miller, Nebraska, and conducted the same for three years. At the expiration of that period he returned to his old home in Danville, Illinois, and, buying the Minning blacksmith shop, has here remained in business continuously since. He now furnishes employment to two workmen and enjoys a large and gratifying patronage.

On the 29th of August, 1899, Mr. McRoales was joined in wedlock to Miss Maggie Parish, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Sutton) Parish, who were natives of Kentucky and passed away in Indiana. They had four children, of whom Mrs. McRoales is the only survivor.

Mr. McRoales has always supported the men and measures of the republican party but has not cared for office. His fraternal relations are with Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 254, at Danville, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, to which his wife also belongs. He has ever been diligent and industrious, and the word fail has had no place in his vocabulary. His life, in all of its various relations, has been of such character as to command the respect and esteem of those with whom he has been associated.

GEORGE W. McCracken.

George W. McCracken, an enterprising and prosperous business man of Danville, is now extensively engaged in the manufacture of davenports, couches, rockers and mattresses of all kinds and has built up an excellent trade which extends over four states of the union. He was born in Wailesboro, Indiana, on the 23d of February, 1862, and on the paternal side is descended from a good old Scotch family that was founded in America during the colonial days and was represented in the Revolutionary war. His maternal ancestors were of Welsh origin and on coming to the new world first located in Pennsylvania, removing thence to Kentucky about the time Daniel Boone settled in that state. His parents are Marion and Elizabeth Jane (Whalen) McCracken, who are still living. In the spring of 1877 they came to Illinois and located in Vermilion county, but at the end of ten years returned to Indiana where they now reside. Throughout his active business life the father followed farming but is now living retired.

During his boyhood George W. McCracken's educational privileges were limited. He was able to go only as far as the sixth grade in the Terre Haute schools. He has supplemented the knowledge there acquired, however, by attendance at

night school and by home study, so that he is today a well informed man. On starting out in life for himself he worked at day labor, putting in all his spare time after working hours in reading and study. For four years he was thus employed and at the end of that time, deciding to learn a trade, he began an apprenticeship as an upholsterer, at the age of seventeen years. For eleven years he was employed by Henry M. Kimball at No. 37 North Vermilion street, in whose shop he became thoroughly familiar with every department of the upholstering business. At the end of that time he purchased his employer's establishment and for two years carried on the business in connection with a partner, but since 1891 has been sole owner of the establishment which he conducted at No. 37 North Vermilion street for several months. His increasing business demanding larger quarters, he then removed to Nos. 20-24 North Franklin street, where he has now carried on the business for the past eight years. He is today the largest manufacturer in his line in Vermilion county and among the largest in the state, his specialties being davenport, couches, rockers and mattresses of all grades. He now employs on an average of from twenty to fifty hands and ships his products throughout the states of Missouri, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana.

It was on the 2d of January, 1887, in Danville, that Mr. McCracken was united in marriage to Miss Ann Laura Johnson, a native of Thorntown, Indiana, and a daughter of Dr. William Johnson of that place. Her parents are both now deceased. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McCracken are: Hazel L., now the wife of William H. O'Neil, who is superintendent of a department in her father's factory and a resident of Danville; Ruth A. and Esther S., both at home.

The family hold membership in Emanuel Presbyterian church and Mr. McCracken affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, having served as trustee of his camp for twenty-two years. His political support is given to the men and measures of the republican party, but he has never desired official preferment. Starting in his present business with a cash capital of only one hundred and fifty dollars, the success that he has achieved seems most remarkable. He is, however, a very energetic and progressive business man and to these qualities and his untiring industry may be attributed his success. He is thoroughly reliable in all transactions and has become both widely and favorably known in business circles.

E. H. PERKINS.

E. H. Perkins, who is busily engaged in the operation of a farm of one hundred and thirty-two acres on section 2, Grant township, is numbered among the substantial and representative agriculturists of the community. His birth occurred in Hocking county, Ohio, on the 25th of September, 1866, his parents being A. F. and Mary L. (Marston) Perkins, who were natives of Ohio and Kentucky respectively. They came to Vermilion county, Illinois, about the year 1863 and were married here. Following that important event in his life A. F. Perkins removed to Cass county, Iowa, where he owned and operated a farm for one year. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the prop-

erty and returned to Illinois, purchasing a farm in Iroquois county and making his home thereon for ten years. He then sold the place and bought the farm which is now being operated by our subject, continuing to reside thereon throughout the remainder of his life. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and, though not an office seeker, he was widely recognized as a most loyal and public-spirited citizen. He was called to his final rest on the 28th of March, 1906, passing away in the faith of the Universalist church. His widow still survives and now makes her home with her son, E. H., who was the only child of their marriage.

E. H. Perkins was reared under the parental roof and obtained a good practical education in the common schools. He was married at the age of twenty-three years and then took charge of the old homestead farm of one hundred and thirty-two acres on section 2, Grant township, where he has carried on general agricultural pursuits to the present time. The place in its neat and thrifty appearance gives evidence of his careful supervision and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

On the 18th of December, 1889, Mr. Perkins was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Hunt, who was born in New Jersey on the 7th of September, 1865, her parents being Edward and Elizabeth (Clark) Hunt, likewise natives of New Jersey. They removed to Indiana in 1867, spending the remainder of their lives on a farm in that state. They reared a family of seven children, four of whom are yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have two children, namely: Mary Ethel, who is a graduate of the Hoopeston high school; and Charles Almon.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Perkins has supported republican men and measures but has not sought office as a reward for his party fealty. Both he and his wife belong to the Universalist church and their lives are in harmony with its teachings. They occupy an enviable position in the esteem of their neighbors and friends and are widely known throughout the community.

GRANT MARTIN.

Among the native citizens of Vermilion county representing the second generation of the same family born in this county is Grant Martin, a general merchant of Vermilion Grove, Elwood township. He is a young man but has made a commendable start and, being possessed of ambition to forge ahead in the world and a goodly amount of energy and common sense, the outlook in his favor is very bright. A fair start is half the battle and perseverance and patience, both of which he possesses, will go a long way toward the attainment of the desired goal. Mr. Martin was born May 16, 1871, and is a son of Henry and Miranda (Gepheart) Martin, both of whom are now deceased. There were eight children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Martin, six of whom are still living.

The subject of this review was reared upon the farm and educated in the public schools, remaining at home and assisting in its maintenance until he ar-

rived at his majority. Desiring to become independent, he rented a farm and conducted the same for thirteen years with varying degrees of success. In 1905 he removed to Georgetown and for some time worked in a lumberyard, but in 1908 entered the general mercantile business at Vermilion Grove, in which he has since continued with quite satisfactory results.

In 1892 Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Mary B. Cook, who is a native of Ohio and a daughter of William and Catherine (Snyder) Cook. Her father departed this life some years ago, but Mrs. Cook is still living in this county. They were the parents of seven children. One child has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Blanch, born May 16, 1894, and now a student at the academy in Vermilion Grove.

Mr. Martin is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and accepts the principles of the republican party as those best adapted to insure the prosperity and permanent welfare of the republic. He has never sought political preferment but for two years served with general acceptance as member of the school board. Mrs. Martin holds membership in the Christian church and by her thoughtfulness and congeniality has made her home, indeed, a place of comfort and peace. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are willing and active supporters of all movements, social or otherwise, tending to promote the permanent interests of the community and as their lives have been thoroughly upright and honorable they are recognized as worthy and useful representatives of the best class of citizenship in this region.

CHARLES W. SEIWELL.

Charles W. Seiwell, a passenger conductor, whose long connection with the railway service indicated both his capability and his fidelity, was residing at No. 418 North Hazel street in Danville at the time of his death June 26, 1910. He was born in Pekin, Illinois, July 10, 1846, and was a son of Arnold and Sarah (Clauser) Seiwell. The father, who was a native of Pennsylvania, came from Sellins Grove in Snyder county, that state, to the west in 1833. He was the first of the family to come to Illinois, making the trip long before the building of railroads. In fact this section of the state was but sparsely settled. It was the year following the Black Hawk war, when the white race had demonstrated their supremacy, reclaiming all this region for the purposes of civilization. Mr. Seiwell turned his attention to general merchandising and to the grain trade. Although he entered land he did not live upon his farm but made his home in Pekin, where he superintended his commercial interests. He died in 1849, when his son Charles was but three years of age.

The latter acquired his education in the schools of Pekin. The mother was left with the care of five children and Charles W. Seiwell early started out in life, providing not only for his own support but also aiding in the maintenance of the family. He was both diligent and handy at all that he undertook and although but a boy managed always to have work. He became connected with railway interests when but ten years of age, carrying water for the workmen at

fifty cents per day. He was afterward promoted to the position of brakeman on a freight and mixed train, and continued railroading until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when the country needed his services and he joined the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Illinois Infantry under Colonel H. H. Dean of the Cumberland Army. He served through the war, being on active duty much of the time in Georgia, and never did he falter in his loyalty to the old flag and the cause it represented.

When hostilities ceased Mr. Seiwell returned to Illinois and for four years was identified with merchandising. He then again resumed railroading and was employed as a conductor on a mixed train. He was afterward made passenger conductor and ran on the Wabash for thirty years. He was one of the oldest as well as one of the most faithful employes, always courteous and obliging to the patrons of the road, while at the same time he carefully looked after the interests of the company which he represented. He lost only thirty days in all this time and his record was one of which he had every reason to be proud.

In 1880 Mr. Seiwell was united in marriage to Miss Hattie D. Stevenson, of Rushville, Illinois, and unto them were born three children. Ed A., the eldest, who is cashier at the electric light plant in Danville, married Miss Nell Yeomans, and they have two children, Helen and Charles. Belle occupies the position of assistant librarian at Danville and resides at home. Harry S. is a sophomore in the medical department of the Chicago University.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Seiwell belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic, taking an active and helpful interest in the work and progress of the local post. He was well known in Danville and along the line of the Wabash and gained many friends among the traveling public as well as in the city of his residence.

GEORGE W. SALMANS.

Danville has no more prominent representative than George W. Salmans, who for over a third of a century has been a member of the bar of Vermilion county. He was born on the 9th of January, 1849, in Vinton county, Ohio, and is a representative of one of the pioneer families of that state. His paternal great-grandfather was a native of Delaware, but at a very early day removed to Ohio and he and his family became actively identified with the development of that state. There the grandfather was born but his wife was of Irish extraction, her birth occurring in Furmanagh, Ireland. Our subject's father, George Salmans, who was a farmer by occupation, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, May 13, 1818, and died on the 23rd of May, 1873. In early manhood he married Mary Rebecca Hudson, whose birth occurred in Baltimore, Maryland, December 25, 1820. She died in March, 1871. Her father was also a native of Maryland and was the son of a Revolutionary soldier, who took part in many of the notable engagements of the war for independence. Our subject's maternal great-grandmother bore the maiden name of Mary Ebaugh and lived to the extreme old age of one hundred and four years.

George W. Salmans began his education in the district school in the northern part of Vermilion county, and subsequently attended the Evans Union College at State Line City, Indiana, for three terms. Having decided to make the practice of law his life work, he next entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was graduated from the law department with the class of 1876. At the age of eighteen years he began teaching school in Vermilion county and was thus employed at various points for eight years, including several terms in Warren county, Indiana. Being admitted to the bar in 1876, Mr. Salmans opened an office in Danville and here he has since successfully engaged in general practice, handling many of the most noted cases tried in the courts here.

On the 12th of October, 1876, Mr. Salmans was united in marriage to Miss Rachel F. Allison, a daughter of Mark M. Allison, of Alvin, Illinois, and to them were born five children: George E., who is now thirty-two years of age and is engaged in the real-estate business in Danville; Mira, the wife of William Groves and a resident of Chicago; John E., who is assistant superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company at Alton, Illinois; Mark, a commercial traveler; and one who died in infancy. The mother of these children passed away, and, on the 20th of September, 1892, Mr. Salmans was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Addie C. Parks, a daughter of Nathan Brady, of Danville. Three children have been born to them, namely: Ruby, now seventeen years of age; Ruth, fifteen years of age; and Fred W., fourteen years of age. All are at home with their parents.

Mr. Salmans' ancestors were ardent abolitionists and on the organization of the republican party joined its ranks and have since affiliated with it. On attaining his majority he, too, voted the republican ticket but later, believing that the principles of the democratic party more closely coincided with his own views, he has since given it his support. In the fall of 1896 he was elected to the legislature and most capably filled that office for a term of two years. By studying the needs of his constituents he rendered the community valuable service and no public trust reposed in him has ever been misplaced. He has made a splendid record as a legislator and lawyer and his life has been such as to commend him to the confidence and high regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact. Fraternally he is a Master Mason and finds pleasure in his membership in the blue lodge.

JOHN L. RANDOLPH.

John L. Randolph, the proprietor of a general mercantile establishment at Humrick, has built up an extensive and profitable trade in this connection. His birth occurred in Kansas on the 13th of July, 1882, his parents being L. A. and Martha J. Randolph, who were born in Ross county, Ohio, and Vermilion county, Indiana, respectively. The father, who has now lived in this county for twenty-three years, is a well known and highly esteemed resident of his community.

John L. Randolph, who is the only surviving member of a family of three children, attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. He

remained under the parental roof until twenty-five years of age or until 1907, when he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, operating a rented farm for one year. In 1908 he embarked in business as a merchant and has since conducted a well appointed general store at Humrick. He carries a large and carefully selected line of goods, is reasonable in his prices and untiring in his efforts to please his customers.

On the 31st of March, 1907, Mr. Randolph was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Olive Ross, who was born in Vermilion county in January, 1886, her parents being George W. and Abigail Ross. The father is a native of Indiana, while the mother's birth occurred in this county. Both still survive and make their home on a farm in Vermilion county. Mrs. Randolph was one of a family of eight children and enjoyed the advantages of a high school education. Our subject and his wife now have one child, Estelle A., whose natal day was November 11, 1909.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Randolph has supported the men and measures of the democracy and at the present time he holds the office of township collector. Fraternally he is identified with the Tribe of Ben Hur at Humrick. In all the relations of life—business, political or social—he has maintained such a high standard of honor and integrity that he has won the respect, good will and confidence of those who, through daily intercourse with him, have come to know him well.

CORNELIUS M. YOUNG.

Cornelius M. Young, deceased, was for thirty years an honored resident of Danville and for the greater part of that time was actively identified with the business and industrial interests of the city. He claimed Indiana as his native state, his birth occurring in Boone county, on the 23rd of December, 1845, and he was there reared and educated in much the usual manner of country boys. His father, Clayburn A. Young, was a native of Tennessee and was educated for the ministry at Marysville College, that state. Being very much opposed to slavery, he left home at an early age and removed to Indiana, where he engaged in farming and also helped in organizing many Presbyterian churches in that state. His father was a large landowner and had many slaves, but, owing to his opposition to slavery, he refused to accept his share of the estate on his father's death.

Cornelius M. Young engaged in agricultural pursuits during his minority and after his father's death, which occurred when he was twenty-one years of age, he remained with his mother, carrying on the home farm until she, too, passed away six years later. She bore the maiden name of Mary Russell. It was in 1877 that he came to Illinois and two years later he took up his residence in Danville, accepting the superintendency of the branch agency for the Howe Sewing Machine Company established at that place. He continued to fill that position until their factory was burned and then became traveling representative in Illinois and Indiana for the New Home Sewing Machine Company. In con-

nection with that business he also conducted a retail store in Danville, but continued to travel for twenty-four years, or until his health failed and he was obliged to retire. During the last four years of his life he was not actively identified with any business and on the 19th of December, 1909, he passed away.

Mr. Young was married December 24, 1868, to Miss Alice Welshimer, a daughter of Judge Welshimer, of Neoga, Illinois, who served as judge of the county court for two terms and as postmaster of Neoga for the long period of seventeen years. When the country became involved in civil war he was one of the first to respond to the call for volunteers and was one of the very last soldiers to be exchanged at the close of the struggle, being at that time confined in Libby Prison. He was a native of Ohio but spent the greater part of his life in Neoga. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Julia Pickering, was a native of Virginia. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Young are as follows: Julia, now the wife of A. G. Johnson, of Danville; Mary, now Mrs. De Groat, of Duluth, Minnesota; Robert R., a resident of Danville; and Lola, the wife of A. G. Cockerton, of Danville.

Mr. Young was long an earnest and faithful member of the Presbyterian church, in which he served as a deacon for fifteen years. He was a strong temperance man and took an active interest in promoting that cause. His fraternal relations were with the Modern Woodmen of America. His upright, Christian life gained for him the confidence of all with whom he had any dealings and it is safe to say that no man in the community was held in higher regard. In business affairs he wrought along well defined lines of labor, manifesting intelligent appreciation of opportunity, and throughout his entire career displayed habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities.

W. T. LEVERENZ.

W. T. Leverenz has always resided in Vermilion county, his birth having occurred in Danville, November 27, 1873. As the name indicates, he is of German descent. His father, John Leverenz, was born in Germany and when a young man came to the United States, making his way direct to Danville. He was a hard worker and in the early period of his residence here gave his attention to farming. Later he engaged in the saloon business on Main street and continued to deal in wines and liquors up to the time of his retirement, conducting a well patronized place that brought him a substantial annual return. He wedded Mary Hacker, and unto them were born seven children: John, now deceased, married Mary Caroline Peters and they have one child, Edna. Christ J. married Bertha Drews and they have two children, Clarence and Harold. W. T. is the third of the family. Charles G. married Anna Shingles and they have six children. Minnie is the wife of Charles Schermeyer and they have two sons, Carl and Julius. Josephine is the wife of Herman Bentrapp and they have one daughter, Henrietta. Anna is the wife of Herman Hosch and they have two children. After losing his first wife, John Leverenz married Miss Mary Gatterman and they have two children, Erma and Carrie, the latter the wife of Edward Burow.

W. T. Leverenz was educated in the German schools of this locality and at the age of fourteen years learned the trade of cigar making, which he followed for ten years. He then turned his attention to the saloon business, in which he has since been engaged. He was appointed deputy game warden in 1909 and has since had charge of Vermilion county in this capacity. He is one of the prominent sportsmen of the locality but believes in carefully protecting the game that no species shall become extinct.

On the 30th of June, 1897, Mr. Leverenz was married to Miss Emma Strebing and they have four children, Gertrude, Ethel, Norma and William T. Mr. Leverenz belongs to the Liquor Dealers Association, is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Turners and St. John's Evangelical church.

ALBA HONYWELL.

Ere a man's life has run its full course the tribute of honor and praise should not be withheld him if it truly merited. Encomiums can mean nothing to the individual after death but the word of appreciation, if sincerely spoken, will bring a glow to the heart and the full satisfaction that one has not lived in vain. A revered patriarch of the community, the horologe of time has told off almost eighty-nine years since Alba Honywell started upon his earthly pilgrimage. His youth indicated little of what the future had in store for him. A review of his life shows that he has figured prominently in events which have not only shaped the history of his home community but have also had far-reaching effect in national affairs. He has lived largely for others as the defender of truth and justice, as the enemy of wrong and oppression. He has ever marched in step with those who follow the banner of liberty, in opposition to those who seek the physical, mental and moral enslavement of the race. Aside from what he has done for his home city, his name is perhaps most deeply inscribed upon the pages of history because of his early identification with and active support of the abolition cause.

Mr. Honywell was born in Cayuga county, New York, December 15, 1821. His father, Enoch Honywell, was born in Westchester county, New York, in 1787, and of his life a contemporary biographer has written as follows: "His education was largely acquired in that county and upon approaching manhood he engaged in the manufacture of patent wheel heads for spinning. This proved a very paying enterprise. With marked business foresight he realized the future of the west and that a man who had enterprise enough to take advantage of the opportunities there might attain to a position of marked affluence. Accordingly, in 1816, he made his way into Indiana and entered one hundred and sixty acres of wild land, embracing the present site of the city of Terre Haute, where he established a home and lived for several years until malaria drove him away. In the meantime he engaged in farming and shipping pork, sending his boxes by way of New Orleans to New York city, often going with his merchandise himself. He subsequently located in Cayuga county, New York, and engaged in chair making, living there until 1836, when he went on a farm in Steuben county,

New York, where he made his home until his death in 1887. He was a man of marked mentality and of considerable literary ability. Under more favorable circumstances he would have distinguished himself in the world of letters, being a ready writer of both prose and poetry. He looked upon life from a broad humanitarian standpoint, recognized the influences which were helpful to mankind and those which were detrimental, favoring with fidelity the former and working with strong opposition to the latter. He opposed slavery and slave traffic and he also was directly opposed to Masonry and other secret societies. He was an agitator of public thought and influenced the same to a great extent, doing his best to arouse the people to a realization of the true situation concerning elements or interests that were derogatory to the public welfare. He never sought political office, however, nor desired any honors of such a character. In early manhood he was a member of the Baptist church but becoming dissatisfied with the faith of the church in regard to the slavery question he left it and became identified with the Wesleyan Methodist, remaining a devoted member of that denomination until his death, which occurred in New York on the 14th of January, 1887, when he had reached the advanced age of ninety-nine years. His death resulted from an accident. He had retained his faculties to a remarkable degree and even in extreme old age he was a man of marked influence, laboring untiringly for the welfare of his fellowmen. An extensive newspaper contributor, his views were widely read throughout the country and he also published many pamphlets at his own expense. He appealed to the hearts and minds of his fellowmen in relation to their ethical duties, and who can measure the influences of such a life? Tennyson has said that our echoes 'roll from soul to soul' and 'grow forever and forever' and the impetus which Mr. Honywell gave to the realization of man's duty is undoubtedly felt today in the lives of those with whom he came in contact. He married Eliza Dye, a native of Rhode Island, who passed away about 1866, when seventy-four years of age. In their family were three children of whom the subject of this review was the eldest. Gilbert Honywell, deceased, was a resident of Schuyler county, New York, while Emma, deceased, was the wife of a Mr. Fenna and lived upon the home farm in Schuyler county."

Alba Honywell spent the first twelve years of his life in his native county and then accompanied his parents to what is now Schuyler, but was then Steuben county, New York. He was reared amid an atmosphere of refinement, of intellectual activity and of Christian teaching, and the lessons which he learned in youth at his father's fireside have borne fruit throughout the ensuing years. When he had mastered the curriculum of the common schools, and had done some work in an academy, he continued his studies in Oneida Institute, near Utica, New York, where he came under the immediate instruction of the noted reformer and theologian, the Rev. Beriah Green, who was then president of the school and later spent several years lecturing on temperance and anti-slavery, while his periodicals concerning reforms were widely read at that time.

Mr. Honywell took up the active duties of business life as a teacher, being connected for some time with the common schools and academies of New York. In his early manhood interest centered in the slavery question, the abuses perpetrated in the south arousing the people of the north to an opposition that at

length resulted in the formation of the abolition party. Mr. Honywell was among the first to become actively engaged in this movement and was a delegate to the Buffalo convention which nominated James G. Birney as the abolition candidate for the presidency. Later he became a law student in Rochester, New York, with the firm of Gilbert & Osborne as his preceptors, and while thus engaged made the acquaintance of many eminent men, including Gerritt Smith, William Goodell, Alvan Stewart and others interested in the anti-slavery movement.

Following his removal from Rochester to New York city, Mr. Honywell became editor of the New York Eagle. He there joined forces with the American Anti-Slavery Society and for four years was an associate editor of the New York Slavery Standard but ill health at length compelled him to relinquish all editorial work. He had, during this time, formed the acquaintance of Wendell Phillips, Fred Douglas, William Lloyd Garrison, James Russell Lowell, Sidney Howard Gay and many other men of that time, who, for the sake of their principles, suffered ostracism from society but stood unalterable in support of the principles in which they believed and the seeds which they planted soon bore fruit. Mr. Honywell was actively associated with these men in their great work until his duties called him to other fields.

On the 14th of April, 1853, he landed from a packet boat at Lafayette, Iroquois county, Illinois, and since that time he has been identified with the material, intellectual and moral upbuilding of this city. He invested in one thousand acres of land in Stockland township and, during the three years in which he resided upon that place, made many substantial improvements there and also purchased another tract of four hundred acres. While thus extensively engaged in promoting his agricultural interests he also followed the profession of teaching and utilized every available opportunity during this period to advance the anti-slavery sentiments, which were already gaining many adherents in Illinois.

In the spring of 1856 Mr. Honywell started with his family for Minnesota but on arriving in Chicago, during Fremont's campaign, became associated with the Chicago News, which was edited and controlled by the republican element. The winter was passed in Chicago but in the spring of 1857 the family went to Logansport, Indiana, where Mr. Honywell entered upon the purchase and sale of lumber. He also engaged in teaching school for several years in Logansport and in Lafayette, Indiana, and never for a moment did his interest in the abolition cause falter nor his efforts cease in the work for its support. Feeling developed and intensified in the north and the south and the division of opinion over the slavery question at length involved the country in Civil War. Mr. Honeywell was offered the appointment of adjutant in the army but circumstances prevented him from accepting it and in 1863 he returned to his home in Iroquois county. He not only capably managed his agricultural interests but also did much local service, acting continuously as township supervisor until 1869, after which he served for four years as county clerk, retiring from the office in 1873. In 1871 he purchased land now included within the limits of Hoopeston and having assisted in laying out the town removed his family to this place. His efforts were an influential factor in the establishment of the Chicago railroad through the town and the growth and development of

the city have been largely attributable to his efforts and cooperation. He was chosen mayor of the city and in the discharge of his official duties looked beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities and the opportunities of the future. He thus labored for permanent good and his efforts have been rewarded. Every movement for the general welfare has received his endorsement and his cooperation has been of a most substantial and effective character. Continuing successfully the management of his business interests, Mr. Honywell made two subdivisions to Hoopeston and has always controlled the sale of this property. He assisted in the organization of the sugar and canning factories of this city, expending five thousand dollars to promote those industries without receiving return therefrom. Judicious investment in property has made him the owner of nearly one thousand acres of land adjoining Hoopeston and the improvements which he made upon it not only caused its rise in value but also advanced realty of others throughout this community. He became one of the founders of the National Bank of Watseka and as one of its directors has aided in shaping its managerial policy. His real-estate holdings include much land in various sections of the country, including Florida, and he frequently spends the cold winter seasons in the south. He now has about three thousand acres in Iroquois, Vermilion, Cook, Lake and Scott counties of Illinois and in Lake and Marion counties of Florida. He owns the hotel at Higiana Springs, Indiana, and an elegant summer home at Lake Bluff, north of Chicago, in addition to his palatial residence in Hoopeston, and he likewise has investments in Cuba.

Interested in literature from an early age he has ever been a wide and thoughtful reader and in the field of authorship his name has also become prominent. In his younger days he wrote and staged several plays in which he also took part. At one time he was greatly interested in the Pittman system of phonetic printing and shorthand. He was editorially associated with Andrews and Boyle in 1848 and in the *Anglo-Saxon*, a New York city newspaper, advocating the phonetic reform and printed wholly in the new type advocated. He has written an exhaustive treatise on language, embracing all of its departments from elementary phonetics to rhetoric and logic—eleven volumes in all. All those questions which have vitally touched the interests of society have received his consideration and he has ever been continuously in touch with progressive movements. He remained a staunch supporter of the republican party until 1884, when, feeling that the cause of temperance was a paramount issue, he joined the prohibition party.

Mr. Honywell has been withal a man of most social and genial nature, attractive personality and of kindly and considerate spirit. He has ever found pleasure in dispensing the hospitality of his home to his many friends. He was married in Schuyler county, New York, April 3, 1851, to Miss Cornelia, daughter of Dr. Anson Andrews. She was born at Sodus Bay on Lake Ontario in 1829 and lived there and in Yates county, New York, until her marriage. Four children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Honywell: Estella, the wife of John C. Cromer; Florence Andrews, the wife of A. H. Trego, of Hoopeston; Lillie Amelia, the wife of Dr. Thomas Allen Beal, a Methodist clergyman;

and Sarah Eliza, the wife of Dr. A. M. Earl, of Hoopeston. The mother of these children passed away April 6, 1904.

Of Mr. Honywell it has been said: "He thoroughly enjoys home life and takes great pleasure in the society of his family and friends. Courteous, kindly and affable, those who know him personally have for him a warm regard and what he has done for the development of this part of the state cannot be overestimated. While he has controlled extensive and important private business interests which have continually enhanced his individual prosperity, he has at the same time promoted the general welfare and the public success. There are few men who occupy as exalted a position in the regard of their fellow townsmen and citizens as does Alba Honywell, not because of his splendid success, though that would entitle him to consideration for it has been achieved honorably and it has also been of financial benefit to the community, indirectly, but because of his sterling qualities of manhood, because of his deep interest in the oppressed, because of his hatred of vice and his love of all that is good, because of his sympathy for his fellowmen who labor under many of the hardships of the existing conditions of life. His time, thought and effort have ever been given to the amelioration of such conditions and for this reason he deserves the gratitude of his fellowmen." His life has received the Shakespearian crown "the blest accompaniments of age—honor, riches, troops of friends."

WILLIAM S. HELMICK.

William S. Helmick, who is now so capably and satisfactorily serving as sheriff of Vermilion county, was born on the 3d of May, 1866, near Danville, in Oakwood township, a son of T. A. and Malena (Porter) Helmick. During his early life the family removed to Kansas, where they spent about six years, and in that state he began his education, which was completed in the schools of Danville. His first employment was at herding cattle and for some time he worked upon a farm in Illinois. At a very early age Mr. Helmick became actively identified with political affairs and has exerted a wide influence in local politics as a supporter of the republican party. He received the first appointment as rural mail carrier at Fithian, in which place he conducted a livery stable for a short time, but for several years has filled various official positions, which have required his entire time and attention. For four years he was constable in Oakwood township and was president of the school board there for some time. When elected sheriff he removed to Danville and has since discharged the duties of that office in a most capable and satisfactory manner.

On the 8th of February, 1893, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Helmick and Mrs. Nora J. Plotner, a daughter of Daniel H. and Deborah (Cannon) Harrison, and to them have been born five children, namely: Wilma, who is now attending school; Josephine, who is four years of age; and Jesse, Alva and Etta, who are all three deceased.

Mr. Helmick's religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and he is prominently identified with a number of social



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orders, belonging to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Court of Honor, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Eagles and the Turners. Social and genial by nature, he makes many friends and to these qualities may largely be attributed his success in public life.

ERNEST X. LE SEURE.

Among the native citizens of Danville who have become important factors in her business development is Ernest X. Le Seure, who was born in this city on the 24th of March, 1864, a son of Prosper and Harriet (Crane) Le Seure, honored early settlers of Vermilion county. His father was born in Nancy, France, May 26, 1820, a son of Pierre and Anne Le Seure, who brought their family to America when Prosper was about ten years of age. They first located in Philadelphia where they remained a short time and then removed to Cincinnati, Ohio. Subsequently the father purchased an estate in southern Indiana where he reared his children, giving them good educational advantages in the English language. When a young man Prosper Le Seure came to Danville where he was soon joined by his brother and together they engaged in general merchandising under the firm name of V. & P. Le Seure, conducting a large and profitable business. In 1867 Prosper Le Seure sold his interest in the store and later embarked in the lumber business in connection with George Yeomans, but eventually disposed of his interests to his son-in-law, J. G. Shedd. In 1883, in connection with others, he organized the State Bank of which he was vice president for some years but eventually retired in 1889 and in the spring of 1892 removed to Los Angeles, California, where he lived retired. He was visiting his children, however, in Danville when he passed away, November 23, 1897. He was an active member of the Presbyterian church and gave liberally to church and charitable work. He was twice married and by his first union had three children, two of whom are yet living, Helen L., now the wife of J. G. Shedd, who was superintendent of schools in Danville for many years, and Oscar, a prominent surgeon of Detroit, Michigan. His wife having died in 1858, Mr. Le Seure was again married in 1863, his second union being with Miss Harriet Crane of Danville, by whom he had one son, Ernest X. of this review.

During his boyhood and youth Ernest X. Le Seure attended the common and high schools of Danville and in 1882 went to Europe where he spent two years in travel and study in France and Germany. Returning to his native land, he became identified with the banking business in 1884, accepting the position of bookkeeper in the State Bank, in order to become thoroughly familiar with every department of the business. It was not long before he was made assistant cashier and subsequently was promoted to the position of cashier, in which capacity he served until the 1st of January, 1891, when he entered the Second National Bank of Danville as assistant cashier. He filled that position until 1894 when he was made general manager of the Danville Gas, Electric Light & Street Railway Company, with which he was connected until they sold

out to eastern capitalists in the fall of 1900. Mr. Le Seure then purchased the interests of R. D. McDonald and J. S. McFerren in the State Bank, becoming its president on the 1st of December of that year. On the 1st of January, 1901, however, he reorganized the bank, transforming it into the Danville National Bank, of which he has since been president and the principal stockholder. Almost his entire life has been devoted to the banking business, with which he became thoroughly familiar when a young man, and under his able administration the Danville National Bank has become one of the solid financial institutions of this section of Illinois. Its policy has ever been such as to commend it to the public and its officers are men of known reliability and trustworthiness.

On the 9th of June, 1891, Mr. Le Seure was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Frances Cannon, a daughter of Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, and they have two children, Virginia and Helen. Since attaining his majority Mr. Le Seure has affiliated with the republican party and has always taken an active part in political affairs.

JOHN NUGENT.

John Nugent, who has resided within the borders of Vermilion county for forty-six consecutive years, has lived practically retired during the past decade, having won a handsome competence as an agriculturist. He is the owner of one hundred and ninety-six acres of valuable land, one hundred and four acres thereof being in section 1, Catlin township, while the remainder lies in Vance township, where he makes his home. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 21st of October, 1837, his parents being Charles and Mary (Pugh) Nugent, who were born, reared and married in Shelby county, Kentucky. In 1828 they removed to Parke county, Indiana, and several years later took up their abode in Knox county, where they continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives.

John Nugent was reared to manhood under the parental roof and pursued his studies in the common schools. His educational advantages were limited, however, for he attended school only during the three or four winter months when his services were not required on the home farm. In 1860 he came to Illinois, locating in McLean county, where he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, first cultivating rented land for two or three years. On the expiration of that period he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of railroad land but a year later sold his claim. The year 1864 witnessed his arrival in Vermilion county and here he has made his home continuously since, first purchasing and locating on a farm of forty-eight acres one mile north of Fairmount in Vance township. At the end of four years he disposed of the property and bought eighty acres of his present farm on section 34, Vance township. As his financial resources increased he made additional purchase from time to time until his holdings now embrace one hundred and ninety-six acres of rich and arable land, one hundred and four acres thereof being in section 1, Catlin township. Throughout his active business career he has been engaged in diversified farming,

winning success as the result of his well directed industry and capable management. During the past ten years, however, he has not been actively identified with agricultural interests, renting his land to his son, Charles W., and his son-in-law, William H. McBroom.

In 1861 Mr. Nugent returned to the Hoosier state for his bride, being married on the 24th of February of that year to Miss Frances Collings, of Parke county, Indiana. He brought his young wife to McLean county and the following year bought his first land. Mr. and Mrs. Nugent became the parents of five children, as follows: Mary E., the wife of William H. McBroom, who operates a portion of the home farm; Jane, who gave her hand in marriage to J. G. Rice, of Sidell township, Vermilion county; Joseph S., who follows farming in Catlin township, this county; Celia A., who is the widow of W. F. Cass and resides in Sidell township, this county; and Charles W., who lives on the home farm. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 12th of December, 1890.

Politically Mr. Nugent is a stanch advocate and supporter of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. The cause of education has ever found in him a warm friend and for about thirty years he served as school trustee. He has passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten and his life has ever been such as to win and hold the regard and esteem of those with whom he has come in contact.

HARRY L. FREEMAN.

Harry L. Freeman is filling the office of deputy county treasurer. The name of Freeman has long been associated with public service in this part of the state for his father was for an extended period an active factor in official life. Harry L. Freeman was born in Fairmount, Illinois, in 1865, a son of Alfred C. Freeman, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, August 7, 1833. The grandfather died when the father of our subject was about twelve years of age and the latter began clerking in a store in order to earn his own living. In 1856 he came to Illinois, settling on a farm near Fairmount, but in 1861 he became station agent and postmaster at that place, filling the position until 1866. In that year he removed to Danville to accept a position with the Wabash Railroad Company in this city, thus serving until 1873. The following year he was elected city clerk, which position he held until 1892, when he refused to continue longer as the incumbent in the office, having for eighteen years acted in that capacity—a fact which stands in unmistakable proof of his ability and fidelity. He was an expert accountant and tax man and for years his advice on such subjects was regarded as authoritative and his work on the board of review was considered indispensable. He was known as an honest, fearless man whose public and private integrity were incorruptible. In 1864, in Fairmount, Illinois, he was married to Miss Mary W. Dustin, a daughter of Sylvester and Marilla (Wells) Dustin, who came from New Hampshire at an early day. Their son, Edward Freeman, died at Green Bay, Wisconsin, December 6, 1901, and the father passed away December 4, 1898.

Harry L. Freeman, the other son of the family, was only an infant at the time of the removal to Danville, where his education was acquired as a public school student. At the age of eighteen years he secured a position in the Second National Bank, and later became connected with public service in a clerical position in the assessor's and collector's office, with which he was connected for four years. On leaving that office he turned his attention to merchandising at Sidell, Illinois, where he spent eleven years, and in 1899 he returned to Danville where he took a year's rest. The same year he was appointed deputy collector of customs for the Port of Cienfuegos, Cuba, where he spent four years with the exception of six months, when he was acting collector at Jucaro, Cuba. On the expiration of the American occupancy of that island he returned home and for the past four years has filled the office of deputy county treasurer. At one time he was supervisor of Sidell township and chairman of the county board. Like his father, he has an unassailable official record. He has not only been loyal in the discharge of his duties but also prompt, accurate and reliable, until the name of Freeman has come to be a synonym for capable and efficient public service in Vermilion county.

In 1885 Mr. Freeman was married to Miss Jennie W. Jackson, who was born in Indianola and in 1885 came to Danville. She was educated in the schools of this city and in the Chicago Women's College. Her father, Amos Jackson, an extensive land owner and successful stock raiser, died in 1896, after having lived in Danville since 1881. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Jackson, still survives. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman now have one child, Frances L., who was born in 1891 and is a junior in the high school. They also lost a daughter, Anna J., who was born in 1887 and died in 1888. The parents are well known socially in Danville and Vermilion county, their many good qualities winning them high and enduring regard. Mr. Freeman gives his political allegiance to the republican party and his position is never an equivocal one where vital questions are involved. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Woodmen and is in hearty sympathy with the beneficent spirit which underlies those organizations. His Cuban experience constituted an interesting episode in his life, which otherwise has been passed in Vermilion county largely in the discharge of duties which have devolved upon him in connection with the public service.

CHARLES K. LANE.

Charles K. Lane, a well known representative of the grocery trade, is conducting one of the leading establishments of the kind in the city, having an up-to-date store and carrying a large and complete line of staple and fancy groceries. A native of Vermilion county, he was born in Danville township, on the 7th of August, 1878, his parents being John K. and Katherine Elizabeth (Robinson) Lane. Throughout his active business life the father followed farming and meeting with success in his chosen occupation he is now able to live retired and enjoy a well earned rest. For fifteen years he served as road commissioner of the county and has always borne an active and prominent part in

public affairs. In his family were nine children, namely: Minnie, Margaret, Augustus, Jenette, Charles K., Finis, Gertrude, Ruby and Clarence. All are still living with the exception of Augustus and Clarence.

Charles K. Lane attended the public schools of Danville until he completed the work of the eighth grade, being about sixteen years of age when he laid aside his text-books. His first employment was in the dry-goods store of S. J. Barnett as general utility boy and he remained there for about one year, after which he accepted a position as driver with the Star Laundry and remained with that concern for three years. He next worked in various stores and in this way became thoroughly conversant with the grocery trade, so that, on the 8th of January, 1909, he was well qualified to embark in that business on his own account. Having saved his earnings, he thus opened a store and has since engaged in business, it being today one of the leading grocery establishments in the city. Among his patrons are some of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of Danville and he has built up a large and lucrative business, which is constantly increasing. Mr. Lane's religious belief is manifest by his membership in the First Christian church of Danville. He takes an active interest in the success of the republican party, which he supports by his ballot, but has never cared for political honors. It is as a business man that he has become best known and the success that he has achieved is the result of his own industry, economy and good management, for on starting out in life for himself he was without capital and has made his own way upward to a position of prominence in business circles through his untiring efforts.

ALVIN STEARNS.

Alvin Stearns, an early pioneer of Vermilion county, who departed this life August 26, 1890, will be remembered as a citizen whom the entire community held in profound respect on account of his unsullied character and his many unselfish acts. Coming to this region when he was fifteen years of age, he grew to manhood in the county, where he passed the remaining years of his life and where he attained unusual success as a farmer and acted as administrator of estates—the latter position being one to which he was by nature remarkably well adapted. Beginning at the bottom of the ladder financially, Mr. Stearns became a man of wealth and influence, presenting in his career a striking instance of the results that may be accomplished by a life of rightly directed effort.

He was born on a farm in Ohio, November 28, 1815. His father, Harvey Stearns, was a native of Vermont and removed to New York, where he was married to Mary Lockwood. After their marriage they settled in Ohio, where he purchased a farm, and there lived until 1832. Believing that more favorable opportunities lay westward, Mr. Stearns came to this state and located in Vermilion county, Illinois, becoming one of the successful farmers of this region. He died November 30, 1847, at the age of fifty-six years, and thirty years later, on August 1, 1877, Mrs. Stearns was called from earthly scenes.

The education of Alvin Stearns was begun in a log schoolhouse in Ohio and continued at intervals after he arrived at his new home in Vermilion county. At the time of his trip westward there were no railroads and only the rudest means of conveyance was available. The early routes led through swamps where corduroy roads made of logs thrown upon the ground side by side permitted the weary traveler cautiously to proceed. Emigrants would camp at night on the bank of a running stream and much of their subsistence was procured through the use of the gun, as wild game abounded in the woods and on the prairie. It was an ideal land for the hunter, but in many localities years elapsed before the soil was brought into a condition of proper cultivation. Alvin Stearns and his brother Calvin came on foot from Ohio, driving cows, sheep and hogs with which the family could make a start in the new country. He was early inured to the work of the farm, even traveling thirty or forty miles to the mill, carrying a bag of grain behind him on his horse and returning with flour or corn meal. The nearest market of importance was Chicago and farmers delivered their wheat by wagon, conveying on the return trip merchandise for the country merchants and supplies for the family.

At twenty-two years of age Mr. Stearns was married and began on his own account in a log house on his father's farm. As time passed, by diligence and economy he accumulated capital and increased his holdings until he owned one of the finest farms in the township. He built a handsome residence and in the administration of estates gained an enviable reputation for excellent business judgment and promptness in all financial matters. Among the estates administered by him were the Yount estate, the Lee, Clutter and Hardin estates and many others. He served for six years as road commissioner, for twelve years as assessor and collector, and for twenty years as school director, filling these offices with an ability that met with the general approval of the people. He was a staunch republican and for over thirty-five years was an active member of the Baptist church, in all his duties evincing an efficiency that yielded practical results for the benefit of those concerned.

On April 12, 1837, Mr. Stearns was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Lee, a daughter of William H. and Rebecca Lee, who came from Ohio to this state in 1829 and settled in Vermilion county. They were the parents of eight children, Mrs. Stearns being the eldest. She was called to her final rest January 23, 1887, at the age of sixty-seven years, nine months and four days, and on the 26th of August, 1910, her husband passed away. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stearns: Lawson, who married Amanda Izard and is now deceased; Ersom, deceased; and Rocella J.

Rocella J. Stearns was educated in the common schools and at the Homer high school. She grew up in the genial atmosphere of a peaceful home and on January 31, 1875, was happily married to Thomas B. Craig, a native of Ohio, who came to Vermilion county as a young man early in the '70s. For many years Mr. Craig has been identified with agricultural interests and is recognized as one of the progressive farmers of his township. He is a life-long democrat and after reaching his majority served as assessor and collector of Homer township, Champaign county. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Craig: Dale, a farmer of Vance township, who is married and is a mem-

ber of the Masonic fraternity; Scott, Claude, Maud, Grover, Mabel, Thomas B. Jr., and Alta J., all of whom are at home. Mrs. Craig is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and socially is a leader in the locality, being a lady of fine intellectual ability and of many excellent qualities of mind and heart. She is the owner of about three hundred acres of the old family homestead and lives in a handsome country residence, which is one of the attractive features of the landscape. She has inherited many of the excellent characteristics of her worthy parents and has a host of friends throughout the region where she has been known during her entire life.

T. A. HABEL.

T. A. Habel, engaged in the manufacture and sale of tile at Henning, is thus connected with one of the leading productive industries of the enterprising little town in which he is now located. Long experience in this line of business has made him thoroughly familiar with the best methods of manufacturing tile, and he has been quick to introduce new methods that have improved the quality, so that he has placed upon the market a product that has found a ready sale. In other connections also he is known as one of the alert and enterprising business men and progressive citizens of Henning. His birth occurred in Sunman, Indiana, February 24, 1861, his parents being Andrew and Margaret (Coonz) Habel. His parents, natives of Germany, sought the opportunities of the new world and settled near Cincinnati, Ohio, but afterward removed to Rossville, Illinois, where both passed away, their remains being interred in the Rossville cemetery.

T. A. Habel, of this review, pursued his early education in the schools of Sunman and afterward attended school in Valparaiso, Indiana. He began the manufacture of tile in Potomac twenty-six years ago and subsequently removed to Rossville, where he continued in business until coming to Henning, where he established the tile factory that he has since successfully operated. He now has a well equipped plant, manufacturing tile of various kinds and his product is readily sold, for the quality is good and his prices are reasonable.

A quarter of a century ago Mr. Habel was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Dingle, a daughter of Edward and Martha Dingle, who are now residents of Rossville, Illinois. Unto this marriage were born three children: George, twenty-two years of age; Harold, twenty years of age, who is attending school in Denver, Colorado; and Ray, who is a member of the navy. Mr. Habel lost his first wife and in 1901 he was married to Miss Carrie Dodson. Their children are: Inez, seven years of age, now in school; and Lela, four years of age.

Mr. Habel is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Modern Woodmen Camp and he also belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. These associations indicate much of the nature of his interests and the principles that govern his conduct. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability and his loyalty to the best interests

of the community, have elected him to the office of collector of taxes and he was also appointed assessor of real estate. He has been elected mayor of the city, in which connection he has given a public-spirited and businesslike administration, working earnestly for the best interests of the city which is now his home. He stands for progress, whether in public life or in the conduct of his private business interests, and his life has at all times been actuated by principles that have caused his record to conform to the highest standards of honorable manhood.

JOHN R. MOORE.

John R. Moore, filling the position of deputy county clerk, with office in Danville, has been a resident of this city since the 1st of February, 1893. Systematic, methodical and accurate, the duties of his position are capably performed and he has won high commendation in his official service. He is a son of Rufus S. Moore, who through living upon a farm in Blount township is now retired from active business. His place is situated on the west side of the Chicago road, about ten miles north of Danville. He was born in Ohio and is a son of Lester Moore, who came from Connecticut and was the founder of the family in the west.

Rufus S. Moore was educated in the Buckeye state and when a young boy started earning his own living. For some time he was a page in the Ohio legislature, but when a young man made his way westward to Chicago, where he was connected with his brother in the match business. While thus engaged a very severe explosion occurred in the factory and as the result thereof Mr. Moore was an invalid for a number of years. He then returned to Ohio, but afterward again came to Illinois in the '40s. He was a wagonmaker by trade and finally settled in Attica, Indiana, but afterward came to Danville, where he conducted manufacturing interests for a time. Later he purchased a farm and turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. After a useful and well spent life he passed away June 15, 1910, in his eighty-fourth year.

On the 1st of January, 1856, Rufus S. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Filena Rowley, a representative of a prominent family of this part of the state, and unto them were born seven children, of whom five are now living, William R., Albert S., Emma R., U. Elmer and John R.

The last named was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the labors necessary to keep the soil in good condition and gather rich crops. He acquired his early education in the district schools of the neighborhood and through the summer months worked on the farm. His early educational privileges were supplemented by a course of study in the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, in which he subsequently pursued a commercial course and was graduated in 1892. On the 1st of February, 1893, he accepted a position in the office of the county clerk, being appointed deputy, in which connection he has since served.

On the 30th of January, 1895, John R. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Ida A. Ashworth, and they have two children: Miriam and Edward, now both in school. Mr. Moore belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Woodmen of the World and the Red Men, while his father is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Methodist Episcopal church. The name of Moore as borne by father and son has long been an honored one in this locality. Both have stood for good citizenship and for that which is most progressive in community affairs, and all who know them speak of them commendably.

CHARLES M. CESSNA.

Charles M. Cessna, one of the successful agriculturists and live-stock men of Vermilion county, was born in Champaign county, Illinois, January 20, 1869. He is the son of William Cessna, a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where he was born November 7, 1822. The father moved with his parents to Ohio and grew up in Trumbull, later Mahoning county. There he learned the tanner's trade and also became a brick and stone mason. He lived in Stark county, Ohio, and Marshall county, Indiana, until 1868, when he removed to Champaign county, Illinois, and finally settled in Vermilion county, where he became one of its foremost farmers. Mr. Cessna was twice married, his first wife being Sarah Jane Hawkins, of Stark county, Ohio, who was called away September 15, 1864. She was the mother of five children: John W., Sarah Amelia, Ella, Martin and William L. D. On January 29, 1865, Mr. Cessna was married to Mrs. Lucina (Martin) Melser, who was the mother of two children by her first husband. Three children resulted from her second marriage: Rosa I., Charles M., and Mary M. William Cessna retired from active farming in 1905 and removed to Homer, where he continued until his death, May 25, 1908, at the age of eighty-six years. He was an honorable, industrious and progressive citizen, a kind husband and father, and a man who through life inspired many to strive for financial independence by the same means by which he accomplished it—through self-denial and wise management. The beloved wife and mother is still living and resides in Homer.

The subject of this review was reared on the home farm, where he obtained a thorough training in all the details of agriculture and stock-raising. He received his book education at a neighboring district school. After laying aside his books, he devoted his entire attention to the farm and at twenty years of age the home farm of three hundred and twenty acres was turned over to his management. He continued to operate it until 1901, devoting a great deal of attention to the breeding and raising of live-stock, in which he was signally successful. In 1901 he removed to Homer and began as a live-stock buyer, conducting his operations upon an extensive scale for nine years and acquiring a reputation as one of the best buyers in this part of the state. In the spring of 1910 he returned to the farm, of which there was originally one hundred and twenty acres but which had now grown to two hundred and forty acres and

had been provided with a handsome and commodious residence and all the facilities recognized by the up-to-date farmer. This beautiful farm Mr. Cessna has traded for a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Clark county, Ohio, located near Springfield, the county seat, and is said to be one of the best improved properties in that county and to contain the finest farm residence in the Buckeye state. Mr. Cessna will occupy his new home in the spring of 1911. His proposed departure from the region, where he has lived so long and where he has been so favorably known, is greatly regretted by the entire community.

On the 10th of February, 1892, Mr. Cessna was united in marriage to Miss Stella Witherspoon, of Vance township, this county, a daughter of William P. Witherspoon, now a resident of Patoka, Indiana. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cessna: Charles R., Esther L., Florence E. and William H., all of whom are living at home.

Mr. Cessna is an earnest supporter of the principles of the republican party and has served in a number of responsible public positions, among which may be named that of drainage commissioner of his district for the past six years. He has also served as a member of the board of education of Homer, and a member of the board of aldermen, in the latter capacity being largely instrumental in securing the paving of the streets of Homer. He is a member of Brilliant Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Homer; the Masonic fraternity; and the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife are identified with the Methodist Episcopal church and are among the foremost in all movements of the church or community that tend to make easier the way or lighten the cares of those less fortunate than themselves. Mr. Cessna enjoys in a high degree the respect and confidence of many friends and acquaintances and is known as a man of unusual energy, perseverance and ability, who generally accomplishes what he sets out to do and is always governed by a high sense of honor in his dealings with his fellowmen.

WILLIAM S. DILLON.

Among Vermilion county's native sons who in the years of manhood have become active factors in advancing her substantial development is William S. Dillon, now so efficiently serving as county surveyor. He was born in Georgetown, on the 26th of April, 1868, and is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family, his grandfather being Luke Dillon, who came here at an early day. His father, George Dillon, was also a native of Georgetown and in early life followed the occupation of farming. When the Civil war broke out he put aside all personal interests, however, and enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and during his service was wounded. After the war he served as circuit clerk and recorder for twelve years and was also a member of the board of supervisors and justice of the peace in Danville for a number of years. It will thus be seen that he took a very active and prominent part in public affairs and at his death, which occurred in 1891, the community realized that it had lost a valued citizen. In early manhood he married

Miss Desdemona Martin, who was also born in Georgetown, and they became the parents of eight children, six of whom are living, our subject being the third in order of birth. More extended mention of the family is made on another page of this volume in connection with the sketch of the father, George Dillon.

Being only a year old on the removal of his parents to Danville, William S. Dillon was reared and educated in this city, attending the public schools and later working in the postoffice for some time. On resigning that position he went to Central America in 1892, spending five years in Nicaragua. At the end of that time he returned to Danville and has since made his home in this city. On the 7th of December, 1908, he was elected county surveyor, which position he was well qualified to fill, having fitted himself for such work by private study and previous experience in surveying and civil engineering for a number of railroads. He still holds that position and has discharged the duties thereof in a most satisfactory and capable manner.

In 1902 Mr. Dillon was united in marriage to Miss Florence Jenkins, a native of Missouri, and they have become the parents of two daughters, Sophia and Teresita. Almost his entire life has been passed in this county and he has gained an extensive circle of friends, who entertain for him high regard, while he enjoys the respect, confidence and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

ROY D. SMITH.

Roy D. Smith, a prosperous and energetic young farmer of Love township, is the owner of one hundred and fourteen acres of rich and productive land on sections 15 and 22. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Vermilion county and his parents were I. D. and Melissa (Glick) Smith. The father was a son of George and Elizabeth (Hester) Smith, who came to this county at an early day and here spent the remainder of their lives. On the 2d of October, 1883, in Vermilion county, I. D. Smith wedded Miss Melissa Glick, whose natal day was February 4, 1860. Her parents, Aaron and Lucinda (Brenklinder) Glick, came to this county in 1869 and here continued to reside until called to their final rest. Their children were nine in number, Mrs. Melissa Smith being the youngest. Following his marriage I. D. Smith purchased the farm on which his widow and son Roy still reside, being actively and successfully engaged in its operation until the time of his demise, which occurred on the 12th of October, 1894. His remains were interred in the Yankee Point cemetery and in his passing the community lost one of its most substantial and esteemed citizens. His widow yet resides on the old homestead farm, owning one hundred acres thereof. She enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance here, having won the warm regard and friendship of all with whom she has come in contact. By her marriage she became the mother of three children, as follows: Jesse E., who is mentioned on another page of this work; Roy D., of this review; and one who died in infancy.

Roy D. Smith was reared on the home farm and early gained practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He now owns

one hundred and fourteen acres of land on sections 15 and 22, Love township, and operates a part of his mother's farm in connection with his own. His labors in the fields are annually rewarded by bounteous harvests of golden grain and he well deserves recognition among the substantial and enterprising agriculturists of the community.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Smith chose Miss Almeda M. Newland, who is likewise a native of Vermilion county and whose parents still survive, residing on a farm in Elwood township, this county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith have always lived within the borders of Vermilion county and the hospitality of the best homes is cordially extended to them.

HOWARD PUGH.

Howard Pugh, who has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, owns one hundred and ten acres of rich and arable land on sections 35 and 36, Love township. His birth occurred on the farm where he now resides, his natal day being January 24, 1869. His parents, Granville and Lydia (Thompson) Pugh, were natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. The father was but a little lad of six years when brought to this county in 1830, coming down the Ohio river on a flatboat and landing at Eugene, Indiana. With the exception of one year's residence in Iowa he made his home here throughout the remainder of his life, following the pursuits of farming and stock-raising as a means of livelihood. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Friends church. His demise, which occurred on the 28th of April, 1898, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had gained many friends during the long years of his residence here. His widow, who still survives, is now in the seventy-fifth years of her age and makes her home at Ridge Farm, Vermilion county. Their children were eight in number, seven of whom are yet living.

Howard Pugh remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, when he took up the profession of teaching, acting as an instructor for three years. Since abandoning educational interests he has given his time and energies exclusively to general agricultural pursuits and in association with his wife now owns a farm of one hundred and ten acres on sections 35 and 36, Love township. He has brought the place under a high state of cultivation and improvement and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

On the 19th of September, 1894, Mr. Pugh was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Lee Long, who was born in this county on the 16th of September, 1872, her parents being Levi F. and Martha J. (Keene) Long. The father's birth occurred in Vermilion county, while the mother was a native of Parke county, Indiana. Their marriage was celebrated in this county. Levi F. Long spent his entire life on the farm where he was born, passing away in December, 1905, and being laid to rest in the Bethel cemetery. In politics he was a stalwart Jack-

sonian democrat. His wife was called to her final rest in January, 1899, her remains being likewise interred in the Bethel cemetery. Unto them were born eleven children, six of whom are yet living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pugh have been born five children, namely: Cloyd L., whose natal day was June 28, 1895; Ralph L., whose birth occurred on the 26th of June, 1902; Granville T., who was born on the 9th of January, 1904; Martha J., who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 12th of September, 1906; and Mildred Grace, who was born January 24, 1908, and passed away on the 25th of January, 1908.

In politics Mr. Pugh is a stanch republican but the honors and emoluments of office have never had any attraction for him. He belongs to the Court of Honor and is likewise affiliated with the United Presbyterian church, of which his wife is also a member. They have always lived in Vermilion county and are well known and highly esteemed within its borders, the circle of their friends being almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

SIDNEY BUHL.

Seven years after Chicago was incorporated as a city Sidney Buhl entered upon life's journey there, his birth occurring in the future metropolis of the west on the 4th of October, 1842. His youthful days were passed in Cook county, but during much of his life he has been a resident of Danville. His parents were Charles and Eliza N. (McComeghy) Buhl. The name indicates the German ancestry of the family, the grandfather of our subject having come from Germany and cast in his lot with the early settlers of Butler county, Ohio. Charles Buhl was born in Butler county, and became one of the prominent citizens of that locality. In early life he became interested in the manufacture of hats and caps and was one of the first in Chicago to engage in that business, establishing a factory on the south side of Lake street, which was then the business center of the city.

Sidney Buhl began his education in the early schools of Chicago, but when he was in his eighth year his father removed with the family to a farm of seven hundred acres in Cook county, which he purchased and which remained the family home for ten years. On the expiration of that period they came to Danville and the father turned his attention to general merchandising in the old Opera House block. Sidney Buhl was then about eighteen years of age and became the active assistant of his father in the management and conduct of the store, with which he was connected until after the outbreak of the Civil war. Fired with patriotism and love of country, he offered his services to the government, enlisting as a private of the Fourth Illinois Cavalry. The regiment was assigned to the army of the west and he remained at the front for three years and two months, participating in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg and other important engagements which constituted turning points in the progress of the war. He served as an orderly on the staff of General Sherman and did duty at Natchez, Mississippi, and in Louisiana. Company A, to which he be-

longed, also acted as body guard to General Grant. On the expiration of his term of service Mr. Buhl was mustered out as a sergeant and returned to Danville.

Following the close of the war Mr. Buhl became connected with the grocery business and was continuously connected with mercantile interests until his retirement to private life. He sought success in the legitimate lines of trade, nor feared to venture where favoring opportunity led the way. In the course of years he built up an extensive business that was to him a gratifying source of profit and permitted him about fifteen years ago, in March, 1895, to retire from active life.

On the 13th of November, 1872, Mr. Buhl was married to Miss Sarah Myers, a daughter of Eli and Anna (Kearns) Myers, who came to Illinois from the state of Pennsylvania. Their only child, Georgia, who attended school at Alton, Illinois, became the wife of Edward Shutts and died several years later, leaving two children, Dorothy B. and Hubert.

Mrs. Buhl is a member of the Presbyterian church and some years ago Mr. Buhl served as a member of the Roselawn board of trustees. A residence in Illinois for sixty-eight years has made him an eye witness of many of the events which have shaped the history of the state and have marked its progress. He can remember Chicago when it was a small town with comparatively little industrial or commercial importance. He saw Danville when it bore little appearance of the present attractive city and as the years have gone by he has rejoiced in the progress that has been made, for he believes that onward should be the watchword in public affairs as well as in private interests.

GEORGE LEVANT HARROUN.

Although one of the younger representatives of the legal profession now practicing at the bar of Vermilion county, George Levant Harroun has already attained an enviable success in his chosen calling. He is a native of Illinois, his birth occurring in Crescent City, Iroquois county, September 13, 1878, and is a son of Frederick L. and Ella (Stockwell) Harroun, who now make their home at Watseka, Illinois. The father was born in New York but in the late '50s came to Illinois and settled in Iroquois county where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years but is now living retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest.

George Levant Harroun obtained his primary education in the schools of Onarga, Illinois, and later pursued a collegiate course at the Northwestern University from which he was graduated in 1903. Later he entered the law department of the same institution and was graduated therefrom in 1907. It was in the following year that he opened an office in Danville and, although he has been in practice here for only a brief period, has already secured a good clientage. He has won his success by reason of close application and careful preparation, without which advancement in the law is never secured. He has continued his reading and study, familiarizing himself with principle and precedent, and has

gained an intimate knowledge of the law whereby he is enabled to try in a capable manner any case that is liable to be brought before the courts of the district.

On the 25th of December, 1905, Mr. Harroun married Miss Ann Elizabeth McClellan of Monona, Iowa, a daughter of Percival W. McClellan of that place. Religiously Mr. Harroun is a Presbyterian and in his social relations is identified with the Delta Upsilon and Delta Phi societies and also with the Modern Woodmen of America. His political support is ever given to the men and measures of the democratic party but he finds no time to enter actively in politics, as his professional duties claim his entire attention. His devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial and at the bar he has made a record which places him among the ablest lawyers of Vermilion county.

AARON DALBEY.

Aaron Dalbey, a venerable and highly esteemed citizen of Vance township, is numbered among the few remaining old settlers here and has resided on his present farm of seventy-two and a half acres for more than forty years. His birth occurred in Clinton county, Ohio, on the 25th of April, 1831, his parents being James and Sarah (Sewell) Dalbey, who came to Vermilion county in 1843, locating on the old state road in Vance township. The father was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, however, his demise occurring in October of the same year. The mother subsequently gave her hand in marriage to James Elliott and passed away about 1885. Our subject is the only surviving child of his parents and as he has no children of his own, he is now the only living representative of the family.

Aaron Dalbey was but twelve years old at the time of his father's death and was thus thrown upon his own resources at an early age. He worked for William Davis for two years and then spent three years in the employ of Alvin Stearns. On the expiration of that period he returned to Clinton county, Ohio, but at the end of a year again came to Vermilion county and for some time worked at various occupations. He split rails, chopped cord wood and herded and drove cattle, making seven trips with cattle and driving them through to eastern Ohio. He took one drove of cattle to Lexington, Kentucky, during the winter of 1863-4 and his experiences in those troublous times were such that he has often asserted that he would not have undertaken another such trip for the whole state of Illinois. In 1854 he wedded Miss Martha E. Custer, a daughter of Jacob Custer, of Vance township, the former owner of Mr. Dalbey's present home farm. Following his marriage our subject took up general agricultural pursuits and has been identified therewith continuously since. In August, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company E, Seventy-third Illinois Regiment. On the 8th of October, 1862, he was shot through the body at the battle of Chapman Heights at Perryville, Kentucky, the minnie ball entering his bowels and passing out at the back. He was confined in the hospital at Perryville from the 10th of October until the 1st of November, when he was transferred to the hospital at New Albany, Indiana, from which

he was discharged on the 25th of January and sent home. On the 18th of October, while in the hospital at Perryville he requested the surgeons to write a letter telling the folks at home that they would see him in two months and was told that he had only from five to fifteen minutes longer to live. His wound was such that it incapacitated him for work and he has never been able to do any arduous labor since. He also had two brothers who loyally defended the interests of the Union at the time of the Civil war. Albert, who was a member of Company C. Twenty-fifth Illinois Regiment, was severely wounded in the battle of Stone River. William H., who belonged to the Sixty-third Regiment was killed at Columbia, South Carolina, while accompanying Sherman on his march to the sea. His death was a very tragic one. He was assisting in emptying barrels of captured Confederate powder into the river when an exploding shell ignited the powder, throwing him many feet in the air and landing him in the middle of the river with two barrel staves blown entirely through his body. In this condition he swam to shore and then expired.

As before stated, the home farm of Aaron Dalbey embraces seventy-two and a half acres and has been his place of abode for more than forty years. For the past fourteen years he has suffered from partial blindness and is unable to read. He had no children of his own but reared a cousin of his wife, Mary Jane Custer, whom they took into their home at the age of eleven months. She remained with them until called to her final rest at the age of forty-four years. Mrs. Dalbey died on the 14th of April, 1907, passing away in the faith of the Presbyterian church, of which she had been a lifelong member.

Mr. Dalbey is a stanch republican in politics, having ever supported the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Homer Post, No. 63, G. A. R. He is now in the seventy-ninth year of his age and well merits the respect and esteem which are uniformly accorded him.

T. J. HOLLINGSWORTH.

The name of T. J. Hollingsworth appears on the list of Vermilion county's honored dead. He was for a long period identified with mercantile interests in Bismarck and while his enterprise contributed to his success, his honorable methods also gained for him the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact. His birth occurred south of Newport in Vermilion county, Indiana, September 26, 1840. His parents, Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Aldridge) Hollingsworth, were both natives of Ohio, and unto them were born four children, but all are now deceased.

T. J. Hollingsworth was reared in his parents' home, his youthful days being spent upon the farm, while his early experiences made him familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He was only nineteen years of age when he was first married, Miss Elizabeth Smith becoming his wife. She died four years later, leaving two children: Alice, now the wife



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of Lincoln Rogers; and Otis, who died when ten months old. On the 28th of October, 1888, Mr. Hollingsworth was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary C. Lowe, who was born in Vermilion county, Indiana, December 8, 1846. Her parents were Richard and Hannah Jane (Moody) Lowe, who were natives of Ohio, whence they came to Indiana, where they lived for some time, and then removed to Vermilion county, Illinois, where their remaining days were passed. Their family numbered four children: Mary C., now Mrs. Hollingsworth; Edmond, a resident of Montana; Isaac, deceased; and P. M. now living in Bismarck, Illinois.

Mrs. Lowe was one of the first settlers of Danville, taking up her abode here when there were only two small stores in the town. She was employed in the home of Dr. Lemon, who was then the only physician in Danville.

Following his second marriage Mr. Hollingsworth engaged in farming for six years and then removed to Bismarck, where he turned his attention to general merchandising, becoming the proprietor of the store which his widow is now conducting with the assistance of her brother, Peter Lowe. She also owns a good residence and a brick store building, which is twenty-six by fifty feet. In addition to this property she has likewise five lots in the city.

Mr. Hollingsworth manifested good business ability and keen discernment in the control of his commercial interests. He was watchful of every indication pointing to success and his enterprising spirit and persistency of purpose enabled him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles in his path. Moreover, in all of his business dealings he was honorable and straightforward, and in every relation of life commanded the good will and trust of those who knew him. He died August 5, 1908, and was laid to rest in Rose cemetery.

In assuming charge of the business left by her husband, Mrs. Hollingsworth has displayed excellent ability and executive force. She holds membership in the Christian church and is a lady of many admirable qualities, whose friends in this part of the county are almost as numerous as her acquaintances.

RUFUS G. HENDERSON.

Rufus G. Henderson, conducting a boarding stable in Danville, was born in Elwood township, Vermilion county, in 1877. His father, Richard Henderson, was born in Vermilion county in 1837, and made farming his life work. He wedded Martha Milholland, who was born in 1835, and they became the parents of seven children, of whom two died in infancy, the others being: John F., who married Emma E. Lynch and has three children, their home being in Humrick, Illinois; Charles A., a farmer living near Ridge Farm, who married Belle Turner and has three children; Almina, at home; and Loretta, deceased.

Rufus G. Henderson, the other member of the family, is indebted to the public-school system for the early educational privileges which he enjoyed. Later he pursued a course in Brown's Business College. He worked upon a farm until about five years ago, his father owning a good tract of land in Love township. On leaving the farm he came to Danville and was employed in the livery stable

of Joe Massing for two years. He afterward spent a year in the service of the American Express Company as driver and two years in the office and on the expiration of that period he purchased the livery barn of Joe Massing. He conducts the only exclusive boarding barn in the town and, on a limited scale, he also rents out horses and buggies.

In his political views Mr. Henderson is a republican and finds in the party platform the principles of government which he deems most essential for the progress and welfare of the country at large. He is connected with the Tribe of Ben Hur, holding his membership in Humrick, and his family are members of the Presbyterian church. He is not afraid to work and the energy which he is displaying in the conduct of his business affairs is bringing to him substantial success.

EDWARD BUY.

The mercantile interests of Danville find an enterprising and successful representative in Edward Buy, the proprietor of a well equipped grocery establishment at No. 1301 East Main street. His birth occurred in Danville on the 17th of July, 1868, his parents being Fred and Mary (Stuebe) Buy, both natives of Germany. The father emigrated to the new world in 1857 and made his way direct to Danville, here securing employment as clerk in a store. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted for service as a Union soldier and after peace had been declared he again worked as clerk in a store. In the late '60s he embarked in business on his own account as a grocer, his store being located on the present site of the office of the traction company. At the present time he lives retired on a tract of land northwest of Danville, enjoying in well earned ease the fruits of his former industry. The period of his residence in Vermilion county covers more than a half century and he is well known within its borders as a most respected and substantial citizen. Mr. Buy of this review is one of a family of four sons and four daughters, the other children being as follows: Jennie, now the wife of Robert Koch; Karl; William; Lula, the wife of Carl Walker; Harry; Mamie, who gave her hand in marriage to Edward Atwood; and Alice.

In his youthful years Edward Buy received the advantages of a public school education, attending the old Washington school in Danville. After putting aside his text-books he lived on a farm for three years and on attaining his majority came to Danville, here securing employment in the general store of Robert Koch. Subsequently he became a partner of that gentleman and they conducted business successfully for a period of seven years. At the end of that time he became the sole proprietor of a store on Fairchild street and in 1905 changed his location to East Main street and Bowman avenue. He next erected his present fine quarters at No. 1301 East Main street, where he has conducted business since 1908. He carries a large assortment of staple and fancy groceries, fresh meats, fish and poultry, and enjoys an extensive trade by reason of his straightforward business methods and earnest desire to please his customers.

Mr. Buy has been married twice. In 1892 he wedded Miss Lulu White, by whom he had three children: Fred, Louis and Howard. The wife and mother passed away on the 28th of October, 1905, and on the 1st of August, 1906, Mr. Buy was again married, his second union being with Miss Veerah Kable, by whom he has a daughter, Geraldine.

Politically Mr. Buy is a stanch advocate and supporter of the principles of the prohibition party, taking an active part in the fight against the liquor traffic. He was at one time candidate for assessor on the prohibition ticket. His fraternal relations are with the Modern Woodmen, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Bethany Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as elder and trustee. He enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance in the county where his entire life has been spent and is entitled to a foremost place among its upright, respected and representative citizens.

CARL CHRIS BLANKENBURG.

Carl Chris Blankenburg is one of the younger representatives of the Danville bar. He was born in this city, June 20, 1888, a son of Christian L. and Emma (Decker) Blankenburg. The paternal grandfather, Wilhelm Blankenburg, was born at Lichterfelde, Germany, on the 24th of June, 1824, and in his native land was married to Miss Dorothea Torgah, who was born in the same place, on the 12th of September, 1812. He was the youngest of three brothers, the others being Gottlieb and Friederich Blankenburg. The family had settled in Lichterfelde, near Eberswalde, in the latter part of the seventeenth century and the descendants of the two brothers of the grandfather are still living in that part of the country.

Christian L. Blankenburg, the father of Carl C. Blankenburg, was born in Eberswalde, Germany, in 1850, and was one of a family of eight sons and one daughter, as follows: Wilhelm and Frederick, now deceased; Gottlieb, who is living in Danville; Ernest and August, who are also residents of this city; Louisa, the widow of George Rust, a resident of the state of Washington; Christian L., Louis and Ferdinand, all three of whom are deceased. Of these Christian L. Blankenburg came to the United States in 1869, when a young man of about nineteen years. He was married in 1877 to Miss Emma Decker, who was born in Ohio in 1854, a daughter of Jeremiah and Amanda (Weygandt) Decker, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The latter was one of a family of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, namely: Isaiah, now deceased; Amanda, who has also passed away; Russell Bigelow; Hymenius; George, who is deceased; Richard Tecumseh, Amy and William, who have all departed this life; Louis; Zibah, deceased; and Lavinia. Of these children Russell Bigelow Weygandt served for three years in the Civil war, participating in the battle of Gettysburg. Hymenius was also a soldier, became ill and was sent home. Of this family Amanda Weygandt became the wife of Jeremiah Decker. As stated, their daughter Emma Decker was married in 1877 to Christian L. Blank-

enburg. His death occurred January 10, 1891, and in 1904 his widow became the wife of George Allen, of Danville.

Carl C. Blankenburg pursued his education in the public schools of Danville, passing through consecutive grades until he became a high-school student. Turning upon the practice of law for his life work, he was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1909, at the age of twenty-one years, and the same year was admitted to the bar both in Michigan and in Illinois. In March, 1910, he began practicing in Danville, having an office in the second National Bank building, and has made a good start in his chosen calling. He is recognized as a young man of strong mentality and undoubtedly will win success in a profession which calls for close analytical reasoning. He belongs to the Methodist church and his friends speak of him only in terms of high regard.

A. J. LEITZBACH, M. D.

Dr. A. J. Leitzbach, a well known and successful physician and surgeon of Fairmount, has here practiced his profession continuously for the past twenty-three years. His birth occurred in Robertsville, Connecticut, on the 3d of August, 1862, his parents being Nicholas and Elizabeth (Esslinger) Leitzbach, both natives of Germany. The father came to this country in early manhood, while the mother was but a girl when brought to the United States by her parents. Their marriage took place at Winsted, Connecticut. Nicholas Leitzbach was a cabinetmaker by trade and for a number of years worked at that occupation in the employ of the Camp Manufacturing Company, furniture manufacturers of Robertsville, Connecticut. During that period he acquired a farm in Kansas and in 1885 sent his son, Edward H., to look after his property interests there. Being well pleased with the country, the later remained in the Sunflower state and this fact largely influenced Nicholas Leitzbach to likewise establish his home in the west. Moreover, he had a daughter in Michigan and his son, A. J., had also located in this part of the country. At Humboldt, Kansas, in association with his son, E. H., he was successfully engaged in the furniture manufacturing business for several years or until the time of his retirement. E. H. Leitzbach then abandoned manufacturing interests and is now conducting an extensive mercantile enterprise, carrying a general line of furniture, pianos, boots, shoes, etc. He is one of the leading merchants of Humboldt; where his father is still living in honorable retirement. His mother was called to her final rest December 19, 1891.

A. J. Leitzbach was reared under the parental roof and obtained his early education in the Robertsville schools and in the graded schools of Riverton. Subsequently he entered the State Normal College at New Britain, Connecticut, being graduated from that institution with the class of 1882. He was then offered and accepted the principalship of the Riverton schools and for two years acceptably filled that responsible position. During the period of his connection with educational interests he took up the study of medicine, reading under the

preceptorship of Dr. John W. Bidwell, of Winsted. Dr. Bidwell was the old Leitzbach family physician and it was largely through his instrumentality that our subject became identified with the medical profession. In the fall of 1884 Dr. Leitzbach entered the Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York city, completing the prescribed course in 1887. Following his graduation he rode with his preceptor for a few months and subsequently traveled through Virginia, Michigan, Ohio and other states in search of a favorable location. In the early fall of 1887 he settled in Fairmount, Vermilion county, Illinois, and this town has since remained the scene of his professional labors. His practice is now of an extensive and important character, having continually grown as he has demonstrated his skill and ability in the line of his chosen vocation. Through his membership in the Vermilion County Medical Society and the Illinois State Medical Society he keeps in close touch with the progress made by the profession.

In 1893 Dr. Leitzbach was united in marriage to Miss Clara K. Daugherty, the youngest daughter of James A. Daugherty, now deceased, who was formerly one of the well known farmers of Vance township. They now have two children, Elizabeth L. and Maude Louise.

Dr. Leitzbach was one of the organizers of Fairmount Lodge, No. 1863, M. W. A., and has acted as medical examiner since the time of its organization. He is possibly the only man who is identified therewith under like conditions, neither paying dues nor carrying insurance. He acts as elder and trustee of the Presbyterian church, of which his wife is likewise a devoted member. In professional circles he enjoys an enviable reputation, while the salient characteristics of his manhood are such as have brought him the warm regard of those with whom he has been otherwise associated.

ROBERT CLEMENTS, M. D.

The medical fraternity finds a worthy representative in Dr. Robert Clements, who for the past five years has successfully engaged in practice in Danville. A native of Illinois, he was born in Carbondale, September 12, 1877, and is a son of Isaac Clements, who was born in Indiana and came to this state in the early '60s. Being admitted to the bar, the father engaged in practice in Carbondale for many years and became one of the most prominent and influential men in that part of the state, being called upon to serve two terms as a congressman from his district. In June, 1899, he was made governor of the Danville branch of the Soldiers Home and most creditably filled that position until his death, which occurred on the 31st of May, 1909, when he was seventy-three years of age. He was an honored veteran of the Civil war, having served in the Ninth Illinois Regiment, and while fighting for the preservation of the Union was wounded several times. In early manhood he married Miss Josephine Nutt, a native of Centerville, Indiana. More extended mention is made of this worthy couple on another page of this volume.

Reared in this state, Dr. Clements attended the public schools and also the Southern Illinois Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1898. The following two years he was a student at the Northwestern University and then entered upon the study of medicine, graduating from the medical department of that institution in 1905. Having received his degree and license to practice, he located in Danville and has since been regarded as one of the leading representatives of his profession in Vermilion county. His fraternal brothers recognize his ability and he is today an honored member of the Physicians Club and the County, State and National Medical Societies. He is also a prominent Mason, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter and council.

In November, 1906, Dr. Clements was united in marriage to Miss Carolyn Prest, a native of Chicago, and they now have a little daughter, Virginia Josephine, who was born September 26, 1907. During their residence in Danville the couple have made a large circle of friends and the hospitality of many of its best homes is extended to them.

HIRAM W. ROSS.

Hiram W. Ross is now largely living retired, although he gives personal supervision to his property interests. He was born near Rossville, in this county, on the 8th of November, 1843, and is a son of Joseph T. and Minerva (Ticknor) Ross. His paternal grandfather was John Ross, who was born in Pennsylvania and at an early day removed to Kentucky, whence he came to Illinois in 1830, locating on Stony creek in Vermilion county, a mile and a half from what is now Danville and near the present site of the Soldiers Home in Danville township. From that time to the present representatives of the name have taken an active and helpful part in the work of progress and improvement here.

Joseph T. Ross, the father of our subject, was born in Mason county, Kentucky, May 31, 1810, and when a young man came to Vermilion county looking over the country. On his return to his native state he persuaded the family to settle here. On the 8th of September, 1833, he married Miss Minerva Ticknor, a daughter of James Ticknor, who came to this county in 1824 or 1825 and located two and a half miles from what is now the public square in Danville. Her father taught the first school in the county at what was called Butler's Point, just north of where the town of Catlin now stands. After the death of his first wife Joseph T. Ross was again married May 24, 1849, his second union being with Amanda Jane Black. His third wife was Olive Ann Morton, to whom he was married April 12, 1857. He purchased the old Ticknor homestead and became one of the wealthiest farmers of the county, being the second largest sheep-raiser within its borders. His death occurred on the 18th of June, 1887.

Hiram W. Ross was educated in the schools of this county and through the period of his youth also aided in the work of the fields, devoting the summer months to such tasks as were required of him in the cultivation of the old home farm. After attaining his majority he purchased the old homestead comprising

three hundred acres, situated about two and a half miles south of the court house. For a considerable period he then devoted his time and energies to developing the farm and added to it modern equipments and the latest improved machinery. Subsequently he retired, putting aside the more active duties of life. He has to some extent engaged in the real-estate business since locating in Danville and is the owner of good property not only in this city but also in the south and west. He is likewise interested in copper mining and his various holdings bring to him a good revenue annually.

On the 22d of March, 1872, Mr. Ross was married to Miss Matilda A. Smith, and unto them have been born five children, of whom two died in childhood. Those living are: Carrie, now the wife of Albert Shults; Roberta, a graduate of the Danville high school; and Hiram E., who is also a graduate of the Danville high school and is now pursuing the medical course in the Northwestern University at Chicago.

Mr. Ross is entitled to wear the Grand Army button from the fact that he is a veteran of the Civil war. He responded to the country's call for troops in 1862 and served nearly two years as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, of which company his brother James T. was also a member, being in the service for three years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has guided his life according to its teachings. His record measures up to the full standard of honorable manhood and those who know him recognize in him a citizen whose loyalty to the public welfare has never been questioned, while his integrity and honor in the private affairs of life are matters familiar to all with whom he has been associated.

JOHN W. PAYNE.

John W. Payne, the owner of two hundred and ten acres of valuable land in Love township, devotes his time and energies to the pursuits of farming and stock-raising with excellent results. His birth occurred in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on the 30th of June, 1848, his parents being John and Mary A. (Eshelman) Payne, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. In 1854 they removed to Maryland, continuing to reside in that state throughout the remainder of their lives. Their union was blessed with three children, all of whom are yet living.

John W. Payne acquired a common-school education in his youthful years and remained at home until he had attained the age of twenty-two. The year 1870 witnessed his arrival in Vermilion county, Illinois, and here he first worked as a farm hand for some years. Subsequently he devoted his attention to the operation of a rented farm for two years, on the expiration of which period he purchased forty-four acres of land on section 14, Love township. At the end of two years he disposed of the property and removed to Maryland, where he made his home for two years. Returning to this county, he bought a tract of sixty acres of land and was busily engaged in its cultivation for twelve years.

He then sold thirty acres thereof and purchased the farm on which he now resides. His landed holdings embrace two hundred and ten acres in Love township and in the conduct of his agricultural interests he has won a well merited measure of success. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding hogs and this branch of his business adds materially to his income.

Mr. Payne has been twice married. On the 11th of September, 1881, he wedded Miss Laura Sanders, a native of Vermilion county, who passed away here in 1887. Unto them were born four children, namely: John B. and Henry E., both residents of this county; and A. E. and Franklin, both of whom are deceased. In 1888 Mr. Payne was again married, his second union being with Miss Minnie Owens, a native of Carroll county, Maryland, and a daughter of Dr. John H. and Amanda E. (Wickard) Owens, who were also born in that state. By his second wife Mr. Payne had nine children, as follows: Fulton O.; Charles E.; Donna B. and Mary A., both of whom have passed away; Roy A.; Ida Ruth; Freda Irene; Julie Pearl; and Clara W.

Politically Mr. Payne is a stanch advocate and supporter of the principles of the republican party. He has served as commissioner for a period of eleven years and has also acted in the capacity of school director. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Ridge Farm. He serves as an elder in the Presbyterian church, of which his wife is also a devoted member. His life has been well spent and those who know him entertain for him warm regard by reason of the fact that he has made good use of his opportunities and has always been fair and honorable in his relations with his fellow-men.

CHARLES MAIER.

Charles Maier, who is now at the head of a successful and growing business, has spent his entire life in Danville, his birth here occurring on the 5th of November, 1873. His father, Gottlieb Maier, was a native of Germany, born in Wittenberg, April 28, 1840, and was reared and educated in the schools of his native land. He there learned the tanner's trade, at which he continued to work until coming to the United States in 1866, when he located in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Subsequently he spent some time at various places in Ohio, his attention being devoted to his trade. While a resident of Loudonville, Ohio, he was united in marriage to Miss Fredericka Schauweker, a native of Alsace, now a province of Germany, who was brought to America by her parents during her infancy. In the summer of 1873 they came to Danville, where Mr. Maier embarked in business as a dealer in hides and leather on East Main street, but ten years later he removed to West Main street, carrying on business there until his death, which occurred on the 24th of April, 1910. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in Danville in 1884. A democrat in politics, he took a very active and influential part in public affairs and was called upon to serve as alderman of the second and fourth wards for three terms. He also filled the office of highway commissioner and in 1907 was the candidate for mayor on the democratic ticket.

As a business man he was enterprising, industrious and persevering and to these characteristics may be attributed his success. He was prominent both in political and social circles, belonging to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Turners. In his family were five children, namely: Emma, now the wife of John Nungesser, of Danville; Cora, the wife of Albert Goetz, of Chicago; Charles, of this review; Gus, a resident of Schenectady, New York; and Frank, who died in 1893 at the age of seventeen years.

During his boyhood and youth Charles Maier pursued his education in the public schools of Danville and on laying aside his text-books joined his father in the leather business in 1891. He continued to assist in carrying on the enterprise until his father's death, when he assumed control and is now at the head of the business, with which he had previously become thoroughly familiar. He is wide-awake and thoroughly up-to-date in his methods and already occupies an enviable position among the prosperous business men of the city. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

HERBERT S. GUY.

The business interests of Danville find an enterprising and progressive representative in Herbert S. Guy, who is now successfully engaged in the abstract business here. A native of Vermilion county, he was born in Hoopes-ton, on the 18th of July, 1875, and is a son of Charles V. and Ellen E. (Bales) Guy. The father, who was also engaged in the abstract business for some years, was born in Ohio, June 25, 1848, and came to this county about 1850, here spending the remainder of his life. He died on the 23d of February, 1904, but the mother, who was a native of Georgetown, Illinois, is still living and now makes her home at 426 Oak street, Danville.

Herbert S. Guy obtained his preliminary education in the public schools of this county and after attending the Danville high school entered the State Normal University, where he pursued his studies for some time. He was also a student at the Illinois Wesleyan University and was graduated from the latter institution in 1897 with the degree of LL. B. As an attorney at law he began practice in Danville in 1897, but at the end of a year accepted a position with the Danville Democrat, continuing in their office for about two years. Since then he has devoted his entire time and attention to the abstract business and has so conducted his affairs as to gain desirable success. He has become an expert in this line and has established a very large and satisfactory business.

In Danville, November 23, 1899, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Guy and Miss Marie Dragoo, a daughter of Charles Dragoo, who was one of the pioneers of Douglas county, Illinois, and now a resident of Camargo. One child has been born to them, Charles Victor Herbert, whose birth occurred April 23, 1903. At national elections Mr. Guy usually supports the men and measures of the democratic party but votes independently at local elections, supporting the candidates whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices. He is a worthy

member of the First Church of Christ and in his social relations is identified with the Tribe of Ben Hur, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias. He also holds membership in the One Hundred Thousand Club and belongs to the Lincoln Baseball League. He is a great lover of all outdoor sports and during his college days was quite an athlete, participating in all the games, and since his graduation his interest in all manly sports has never flagged. That his life has ever been upright and honorable is indicated by the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his staunchest friends and admirers, and he well merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held. ..

WILLIAM E. RUSSELL.

The success that has crowned the efforts of William E. Russell has come to him through his own well directed efforts. He was born in Danville on the 5th of February, 1867, and is a son of Albert Bradley and Samantha (Graves) Russell, both of English descent and representatives of old New England families whose members participated in the Revolutionary war. His paternal grandfather was among the prominent early settlers of Vermilion county and was for a time in charge of the land office in Danville. He came to this city from Connecticut and in subsequent years served as grand master of the Masonic Lodge of Danville. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Green Graves, was also an honored pioneer of this county and was a farmer by occupation. Albert Bradley Russell, our subject's father, was born in Danville on the 8th of April, 1836, and here spent his entire life, passing away February 16, 1910. His widow is still living and continues to make her home in Danville.

The public schools of Danville afforded William E. Russell his early educational privileges and his business training was begun as an employe in the woolen mills of this city, which he entered at the age of about fourteen years and remained for about a year. His next employment was with Benjamin Davies in the retail grocery business, but at the end of a year he commenced learning the carriage painting trade with the Danville Buggy Company and continued to follow that occupation for about ten years. At the end of that period he embarked in business on his own account as a carriage and wagon painter, his son Louis A. Russell, succeeding to the business, which he still carries on as a sign painter. About fifteen years ago Mr. Russell turned his attention to real-estate operations and since 1904 has devoted his entire time and attention to that business, handling a large amount of property both of his own and for other parties. He now has a large clientele and has bought and sold land in many of the states of the Union. He is thoroughly familiar with real-estate values, and, being well posted, has so conducted his business as to gain substantial profit in his transactions.

Mr. Russell was married on the 8th of June, 1886, to Miss Emma Brasier, a daughter of Wesley and Angeline Brasier, who for thirty-five years were residents of Danville. Her father is now deceased but her mother is still

living. Mr. and Mrs. Russell have become the parents of three children, namely: Louis A., born February 4, 1887; Frank G., born October 11, 1888, and now in the employ of the American Bank at Danville; and Harry W., born March 19, 1892.

Mr. Russell holds membership in the Third Church of Christ and is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. He has sought success in legitimate lines of trade wherein he has given evidence of sound judgment, keen sagacity and unfaltering diligence. Moreover, his business integrity has ever been above question and he has proved himself a wise and successful business man as well as a genial, honorable and highly respected gentleman.

ROSCOE P. DONOVAN, M. D.

Dr. Roscoe P. Donovan is meeting with a high degree of success in the practice of medicine at Alvin. He is yet a young man but this seems no bar to his ability nor to the success which he has attained. He has been a close and discriminating student of the science of medicine and his correct application of its principles is manifest in the excellent results which follow his professional labors.

A native son of Illinois, he was born at La Place on the 3d of January, 1885, his parents being J. D. and Narcissus (Driskell) Donovan. The father is a native of Kentucky, his birth having occurred at Antioch, where he pursued his early education in the public schools. He afterward engaged in teaching for several years but ambitious to advance along intellectual lines, he entered the Louisville University at Louisville, Kentucky, from which he was graduated on the completion of the regular course in medicine. Having thus qualified for practice, he entered upon the active work of the profession and at the time of the Civil war he went to the front as a surgeon. He is now practicing in Lovington, Illinois, and his ability is indicated in the extensive patronage accorded him. Unto him and his wife have been born nine sons and two daughters, as follows: Mrs. W. R. Lee, of Lovington, Illinois, aged forty-six years; Miss Lora Donovan, who died in 1893, of typhoid fever, at the age of sixteen years; Dr. J. H. Donovan, of Windsor, aged forty-four years; Z. A. Donovan, an attorney of Decatur, aged forty-two years; Dr. C. J. Donovan, of Waynesville, aged forty years; Dr. H. V. Donovan, of Cerro Gordo, Illinois, aged thirty-eight years; Dr. O. P. Donovan, of Oreano, Illinois, aged thirty-two years; Dr. W. P. Donovan, of Rantoul, aged thirty years; Dr. Sam Donovan, of Dewey, aged twenty-seven years; Dr. Roscoe P., of Alvin, aged twenty-five years; and Loyd Donovan, of Lovington, aged twenty-two years. The parents have given to each of their children musical training along with their medical education.

Dr. Roscoe P. Donovan, who is next to the youngest of this family, began his education in the schools of Lovington, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school. Later he went to St. Louis when seventeen years of age and there studied until graduated from the St. Louis College

of Physicians and Surgeons with the class of 1906. His preparation for the medical profession was thorough and comprehensive and he entered upon practice at Loogootee, Illinois, well qualified for the onerous duties which devolve upon the physician and surgeon. He continued at that point for a year and a half and then removed to Bondville, Illinois, where he remained for sixteen months. At the end of that time he came to Alvin and has been very successful in establishing himself in his professional work here. He is careful in the diagnosis of his cases and keeps thoroughly abreast of the times in all that pertains to the practice of medicine. Anything that tends to bring to man the key to the complex mystery which we call life is of interest to him and his work in this connection is proving satisfactory to the many who retain his professional services.

On the 20th of June, 1907, Dr. Donovan was married to Miss Ora Schlack, a daughter of J. E. and Rosa Schlack, of Windsor, Illinois. They are prominent socially, the hospitality of the best homes of Alvin being cordially extended them. Dr. Donovan belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and both he and his wife are members of the Christian church.

CHARLES E. JONES.

Charles E. Jones, a prosperous citizen and representative agriculturist of Vance township, there owns and operates an excellent farm of one hundred and ninety-five acres. His birth occurred in Dubuque, Iowa, on the 9th of November, 1853, his parents being William Raper H. and Penninnah (Coon) Jones, who were born, reared and married in Ohio. The father, being of a roving disposition, lived at different places for some years after his marriage, spending the time principally in Illinois. The property which is now in possession of his son, George T. Jones, and which is situated near Conkeytown, Vermilion county, was the eleventh farm which William R. H. Jones owned and is the place where his demise occurred. He made his money largely through speculation in farm lands, being a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment. On the 17th of March, 1891, when about seventy-one years of age, he was called to his final rest. His wife passed away at the age of fifty-four years. He read broadly and thought deeply, keeping well informed on all current topics. He was a lifelong subscriber of Harper's publications and similar papers. His political allegiance was unfalteringly given to the republican party and, though not an office seeker, he became an influential factor in its local ranks. Both he and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church and their lives were in consistent harmony with their professions.

Charles E. Jones was reared under the parental roof and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. Subsequently he taught for six months in his own district, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. On abandoning educational interests he became identified with agricultural pursuits, beginning the operation of a rented farm when twenty-two years of age. At the end of two years, in 1877, he purchased one hundred and fifty-three acres of his present place in Vance township, where he

has made his home continuously since with the exception of one year's residence in Danville. His holdings at the present time include his home farm of one hundred and ninety-five acres, a quarter section of land in Michigan and five residence properties in Danville. His undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with a gratifying measure of success and he has long been numbered among the substantial and respected citizens of the community.

On the 24th of December, 1874, Mr. Jones was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary A. Stearns, a daughter of Harrison Stearns, who was a prominent farmer of Oakwood township, Vermilion county, and one of the earliest settlers of this part of the state, coming to this county from Ohio by wagon in 1835. He entered a tract of land from the government, erected a log house and made his home therein until he had accumulated sufficient capital to build a frame structure, which remained his place of abode throughout the remainder of his life.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jones were born nine children, eight of whom are yet living, as follows: Nettie E., the wife of Coll McPherson, of Wabash county, Illinois; Herman P., who follows farming in Vance township; Harrison H., who is a resident of Jamaica township, Vermilion county; Penninnah A., who is the wife of Dr. J. W. O'Haver and lives in Danville, Illinois; Carrie P., who is the widow of Earl R. Baird and makes her home in Fairmount, this county; Turner E., who operates the home farm; and Lennie A. and Marguerite, both at home.

Mr. Jones is a stanch republican in politics but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. For six years, however, he served as a member of the school board. He was a deacon in the Baptist church for several years and his wife is also a consistent member thereof. He is a gentleman of genial disposition and courteous manner and has other sterling qualities which command the friendship and regard of those with whom he is brought in contact.

JOSEPH F. GEDDES.

Joseph F. Geddes, who is now actively identified with the real-estate interests of Danville, owes his success entirely to his own efforts. He began his business career without a dollar and has prospered through his industry and good management. His record of intelligently directed labor and carefully formulated plans constitutes an example that is indeed worthy of emulation. He was born in Ash Grove, Iroquois county, Illinois, on the 22d of March, 1865, and is a son of James M. and Emma Z. (Young) Geddes. The father was a native of Tuscarawas county, Ohio, but at an early day removed to Defiance, that state, and later to Steuben county, Indiana. It was in 1854 that he first came to Illinois and settled in Momence, but a few years later became a resident of Ash Grove, Iroquois county. A farmer by occupation, he has devoted his entire life to that pursuit. In early manhood he married Miss Emma Z. Young, who was born in Fountain county, Indiana, her father being engaged in farming near Covington, that state, for several years.

The early education of Joseph F. Geddes was supplemented by one year's study at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he completed the teacher's course, and by

one year at Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois. He was given a thorough training on the farm, but, as he did not care to engage in agricultural pursuits as a life work, he began teaching and for several years successfully followed that profession in the public schools of this state. Subsequently he was employed as a commercial traveler for some years and then turned his attention to the real-estate business, in which he is now engaged, with offices at No. 408-10 Odd Fellows building, in Danville.

On the 17th of February, 1895, Mr. Geddes was married in Danville to Miss Martha V. Randall, a daughter of Jonathan and Catharine C. Randall, who were engaged in farming southeast of this city. One son blessed this union, James Madison, who was born July 24, 1903, in Danville. In his political views Mr. Geddes is a stalwart republican but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and socially is connected with the One Hundred Thousand Club. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Church of Christ and his life is exemplary in all respects. He ever supports those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity by his own high moral worth. Whatever he undertakes he accomplishes, for he possesses resolution, perseverance and reliability and these qualities have caused him to be enrolled among the best citizens, of the county.

NEWTON H. SHIELDS.

For two years Newton H. Shields has been prominently identified with the development of Danville as a contractor and builder. He was born in Vermilion county on the 8th of March, 1868, and on the paternal side is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, his grandfather being the founder of the family in America. He settled in Ripley county, Indiana, and later became one of the wealthy residents of that section. John Shields, our subject's father, was born in Ohio and in early life engaged in farming, his home being south of Fairmount in Vermilion county. After a useful and well spent life he passed away on the 21st of January, 1887, but his wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary J. Dowers, is still living.

Newton H. Shields is indebted to the public schools of Danville for his educational advantages and on putting aside his text-books he began learning the carpenter's trade with Charles Gillispie, contractor and builder, for whom he worked about three years. At the end of that time he entered the service of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company in the construction of depots and remained with that corporation for about three years. He next became interested in the planing mill business in Danville, which he carried on for about a year, and at the end of that time began contracting and building in partnership with J. N. Fairchild under the firm name of Shields & Fairchild. This connection was continued for about four years and since its dissolution Mr. Shields has been alone in business. As time has passed he has become regarded as one of the leading contractors and builders of this section of the state where he has erected many residences and business houses and has also done considerable work elsewhere,

erecting buildings as far south at Atlanta, Georgia. He is not only thoroughly familiar with his work but is a man of good business and executive ability and the buildings he has erected stand as monuments to his architectural skill and good workmanship.

Mr. Shields was married in Danville on the 27th of November, 1895, to Miss Grace Gertrude Lockhart, who was born in Newell township, October 28, 1869, a daughter of John R. and Mary A. (Leonard) Lockhart. She is a representative of an old and honored family of Vermilion county, her great-grandfather, Valentine Leonard, having come to this region from Harrison county, Kentucky, at a very early day, in company with three other gentlemen, one of whom was Jehu Chandler. They located in Newell township. Philip Leonard, Mrs. Shields' maternal grandfather, served as justice of the peace in that township for over a quarter of a century. He is now deceased. Her father, John R. Lockhart, was born in Newell township, January 19, 1836, and is today the oldest native citizen of that part of the county. He was a soldier of the Civil war, having enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. On the 1st of November, 1857, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Leonard, who was born in this county, February 6, 1842, and they have now traveled life's journey together for fifty-three years. He is a retired farmer living in Danville. Mr. and Mrs. Shields have three children, namely: J. Russell Lockhart, born September 11, 1896; Wade Harlan and Kirk Holman, twins, born on the 20th of October, 1901.

Mr. Shields early became identified with the Illinois National Guard and is now a member of Battery A., Illinois Infantry. He is independent in politics but as a public spirited and progressive citizen takes a deep interest in public affairs and does all in his power to advance the general welfare. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Presbyterian church and socially he belongs to the Danville Industrial Club. He is a Thirty-second degree Mason, having taken the degrees of both the York and Scottish Rite and is also an honored member of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Mystic Workers of the World. He is a progressive, up-to-date business man of strict integrity and enjoys in large measure the confidence and regard of those with whom he is brought in contact.

LOUIS B. WOLF.

Louis B. Wolf, a well known and honored resident of Danville, claims Ohio as his native state, his birth occurring in Upper Sandusky, April 17, 1855, and on both the paternal and maternal sides he is of Pennsylvania German extraction. His parents were Christian and Sarah (Darr) Wolf, who came with their family to Vermilion county, Illinois, in 1862. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died on the 29th of January, 1869, and the mother passed away February 29, 1892. Our subject had five brothers, namely, John Jerome, Henry, Jefferson and Charles, all of whom are now deceased.

Louis B. Wolf was a lad of only seven years when he accompanied the family on their removal to this county, and he is indebted to the public schools of Danville for the early educational privileges he enjoyed. On leaving school he began his business career and for a time was engaged in the retail grocery trade at the corner of Pine and Madison streets, where he carried on business for a period of five years. At the end of that time, having an opportunity to sell advantageously, he disposed of his stock and entered the employ of J. A. Daniels, a retail furniture dealer, with whom he remained for a number of years. He next accepted a position with C. H. Gones, who was engaged in the same line, and remained with that gentleman for five years. His next step was to engage in the retail furniture business on his own account at No. 30 Jackson street, where he conducted an up-to-date establishment and succeeded in building up a large and profitable trade, but again found it to his advantage to sell out. He has since been connected with the Danville Lounge & Mattress Company.

On the 29th of January, 1879, in Danville, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Wolf and Miss Alice Hart, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Richard and Emma (Leah) Hart, who were old residents of this county. Her parents removed to Danville in 1872 and both are now deceased. There were three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wolf, namely: Willis W., now a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana; Emma Leah, the wife of Ernest Balsley, of Danville; and Herbert H., who also makes his home in Danville. The parents are both earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and, being a strong temperance man, Mr. Wolf casts his ballot with the prohibition party. Fraternaly he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and is a man highly esteemed by all who know him.

THOMAS A. TAYLOR.

One of the most successful men of Vermilion county is Thomas A. Taylor, who though practically living retired in the village of Catlin is the owner of extensive landed interests in this part of the state. His prosperity is attributable to his own labors. Through the improvement of opportunity and through unfaltering diligence he has worked his way upward until he now occupies a position among the men of affluence in eastern Illinois. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 25th of April, 1847, his parents being Thomas A. and Iva E. (Allen) Taylor, natives of Shelby and Hartford counties, Kentucky, respectively. In early life they removed to Indiana and came to Vermilion county, Illinois, in 1853. The father purchased land in Catlin township and there made his home until his death, giving his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits. He passed away in 1876 and his wife Iva E. Taylor, who long survived him, died in 1889. In their family were seven children: Alvin, a resident of this county; Elizabeth, the wife of John W. Newlan of Danville; Thomas A., Cynthia E., the wife of R. Smith of New Mexico; and three who are now deceased.



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS A. TAYLOR

Thomas A. Taylor remained at home until he had attained his majority. He was a lad of only six summers when the family came to Illinois and his youthful days were spent in the usual manner of most farm lads who divide their time between the duties of the schoolroom and the work of the fields. After attaining his majority he rented a farm for a year and at the end of that time made his first investment in property, becoming the owner of eighty acres in Catlin township, upon which he resided for two years. He then traded that property for one hundred and twenty acres elsewhere in the same township and occupied the farm continuously until 1893. From time to time he extended its boundaries and continued purchasing land until his holdings now embrace eight hundred and twenty acres all in this county. Illinois has no richer soil than can be found in this part of the state, and Mr. Taylor is the owner of some of the best farming land here. He had supplemented his early education by study in Mount Zion Academy and Lincoln University and was thus well equipped by preliminary mental training for the cares and responsibilities of life. Making good use of his opportunities, he has steadily progressed toward the goal of success and is today one of the most extensive landowners of the county. Moreover, he is a stockholder and one of the directors of the First National Bank of Catlin and is financially interested in the Oakwood Bank, which he also represents as a director. In business matters his judgment is sound, his insight keen and his energy unflagging. Having retired from the active operation of his farm land he now makes his home in Catlin, where he has erected a fine residence on Vermilion street. While upon the farm he made a specialty of feeding cattle and hogs and his stock-raising interests constituted an important and profitable branch of his business.

In 1869 Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Acree, who was born in this county and is a daughter of Joel and Elvessa (Yount) Acree, both of whom were natives of Alabama. They came to Vermilion county in 1832 and here resided until their death, rearing their family of two children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have been born thirteen children: Clemer, the wife of Charles C. Andrews of this country; Gale H. and Joel, also residents of this county; Elvessa, a graduate of Lincoln University; Benjamin; Robert; Margaret, the wife of Willis Wherry of Vermilion county; Louis, a graduate of the high school; Whittier, residing upon the home farm; Catherine, who attended the Millikin University at Decatur, Illinois; Harriet, at home; and two who are now deceased.

Mr. Taylor has always been recognized as a public-spirited citizen, and his labors have been an effective element in promoting the general growth and prosperity of this part of the state. He was a director and president of the Fair Association of Catlin and in this connection did effective service to stimulate the interest of the public in the fair and to secure exhibits which were a creditable representation of what is produced in this section. He was also a member of the Farmers Institute, recognizing the fact that it could be made a most valuable factor in the work of development along agricultural lines. It was organized twenty years ago and for ten years Mr. Taylor served as its president. He likewise became one of the charter members of Lakeview Hospital at Danville and was its president for a decade. He has been a member of

the Old Settlers' Society since it was organized and is now its chief executive officer. He also had the honor of being appointed by the governor to attend the Farmers State Congress on several different occasions. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, in which he has been an elder from the time he attained his majority. His entire life has been guided by his faith in the teachings of the church, and his has ever been an honorable and upright career. In politics he is a republican, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. The cause of education, however, finds in him a warm friend and he has served most of his life as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, attaining the eighteenth degree in the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows Lodge of Catlin and to the Modern Woodmen Camp. There is in him a strong initiative spirit which has made him a leader of public thought and action and a molder of public opinion. His labors have in large measure been directly beneficial to the community and at all times he has stood for progress and improvement. What he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents and there has never been an esoteric phase in his entire career.

ELIJAH A. MORRISON.

Elijah A. Morrison, owning and operating an excellent farm of two hundred and seventy acres on sections 2 and 35, Vance township, was born in that township on the 10th of March, 1852, his parents being James P. and Harriet A. (Stearns) Morrison. The father's birth occurred in Fayette county, Ohio, in 1818, while the mother, likewise a native of the Buckeye state, was born on the 1st of November, 1828. James P. Morrison was reared and married in his native county, his first wife being a Miss Allen, by whom he had one daughter, now deceased. The mother passed away in Fayette county and about 1850 James P. Morrison came to Vermilion county, Illinois, purchasing and locating upon a farm in Vance township. Subsequently he wedded Miss Harriet A. Stearns, a daughter of Harvey Stearns, who came to this county in 1832, taking up his abode in Vance township. More extended mention of him is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of his son, Alvin Stearns.

James P. Morrison prospered in his undertakings as an agriculturist, accumulating more than seven hundred acres of valuable land. At the time of his demise, however, his holdings embraced only about four hundred acres, for he had divided the remainder of the property among his children and assisted them in making a start in life. He passed away in this county on the 18th of September, 1888, and thus the community lost one of its most substantial, respected and representative citizens. His death was the result of an accident, a saw log rolling over him and killing him while he was attempting to load it on a wagon. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party and, though not an office seeker, ably served his fellow townsmen in several minor township positions. For many years he acted as a deacon in the Cum-

berland Presbyterian church, of which his wife was also a devoted and consistent member and in the faith of which she passed away on the 4th of December, 1893. Their children were six in number, four of whom are yet living, as follows: Elijah A., of this review; Alonzo O., who is a resident of Homer, Illinois; Florence E., the wife of John Boggess, of Homer; and Harlan P., who also lives in Homer.

Elijah A. Morrison attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage. It was on the 31st of December, 1873, that he wedded Miss Flora J. Foreman, a daughter of John Foreman, of Vance township, who came to this county from Ohio at an early day. In the spring of 1874 Mr. Morrison started out as an agriculturist on his own account, renting a tract of land belonging to his father. About five years later he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres from his father in what is now Vance township but was then included within the boundaries of Sidell township. After operating the place for ten years he disposed of the property and bought a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Vance township, residing thereon for fourteen years. In 1899 he sold the farm and purchased his present place on sections 2 and 35, Vance township. The property embraces two hundred and seventy acres of valuable and productive land and in the careful conduct of his agricultural interests, he has won a most gratifying and well merited measure of success.

Unto Mr. Morrison and his first wife were born two children, one of whom is deceased. The other is Daisy, the wife of Charles Wiggins, of Homer, Illinois. The mother's demise occurred in 1878 and two years later Mr. Morrison was again married, his second union being with Miss Amy O. Goodrich, of De Witt county. Unto them have likewise been born two children, Carl and Helen, both at home.

In politics Mr. Morrison in a stanch republican but the honors and emoluments of office have never had any attraction for him. Fraternally he is identified with Homer Lodge, No. 199, A. F. & A. M., and Homer Chapter, No. 94. R. A. M. His wife is a faithful member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He has resided in Vermilion county from his birth to the present time and has ever enjoyed in the fullest degree the respect and confidence of his fellowmen, his worth as a man and citizen being widely acknowledged.

ALBERT LEINS.

Albert Leins, for twenty-eight years a resident of Danville and proprietor of a well conducted bakery, was born in Chicago, July 14, 1873. He is a son of John and Fredericka (Roos) Leins, both of whom came from Germany to America about 1870 and located in Chicago. There they were married and in 1876 Mr. Leins established a bakery, continuing in that business until 1882, when he came to Danville. After arriving in this city Mr. Leins found the field already occupied in his special line and he therefore for a time engaged in the butcher business, later, however, establishing a bakery on the south side,

where he continued until his death, May 4, 1898. His wife is still living at the age of sixty-three years and resides at No. 118 West Main street. Seven children were born to them, four of whom are now living: Albert, the subject of this review, Christ, Elizabeth and Robert.

Albert Leins was given the advantages of a good common-school education, later attending the college at Berea, Ohio. He was a young man of good ideals and worthy character and at the age of nineteen he entered business with his father at Danville and since the death of the latter has had entire charge of the bakery, and by industry and thoughtful attention to his duties he has attained considerable success.

On September 4, 1901, Mr. Leins was united in marriage to Miss Anna Blankenburg, a daughter of Frederick and Caroline Blankenburg, who came from Germany to this country. Mr. Leins is in sympathy with the principles of the republican party and as a patriotic citizen he casts his ballot for those measures and candidates that he believes will best advance the interests of the state and nation. Some years ago he became a member of the Masonic order in Danville and has advanced to the Lodge of Perfection in that organization. He is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and has many friends in these orders. He has always been enterprising and industrious and has built up a good trade in the community where he is well known and which recognizes in him many of the qualities that assist so greatly in the attainment of prosperity in any line of business that is honorably conducted. He has a laudable ambition which has found expression along lines that have not only added to his financial status but have been of practical benefit to the city where he makes his home.

HON. JOSEPH G. CANNON.

With mentality as keen as it was a quarter of a century ago, Hon. Joseph G. Cannon is still a leader in republican national politics. Few men have been so long in public service and the record of none has been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation. Leadership always evokes opposition and such has been the case with Mr. Cannon. He has been bitterly attacked but, serene in the belief of the policy which he pursues, he continues on his way and with the wisdom of age he recognizes the fact that ultimately the right will triumph and sound judgment will prevail. No higher testimonial of popular favor and support could be given than in the fact of Mr. Cannon's recent reelection to congress.

He was born at Guilford, North Carolina, May 7, 1836, a son of Dr. Horace F. and Gulielma (Hollingsworth) Cannon. Both were representatives of old Quaker families dating back through Revolutionary times to the days of George Fox. When Joseph John Gurney, a celebrated preacher of the Friends faith, came from England as a missionary he was accompanied by Dr. Cannon on his tour through America and, when the subject of this review was born, Dr. Cannon named his little son Joseph Gurney in honor of his missionary friend. One

of his biographers has said in this connection: "Hence Mr. Cannon had a birth-right in that church and from his youth up was trained in its simple, honest, noble principles, which have been, and are today, the solid foundation of his moral life and of his stanch republicanism." The days of his youth were passed in a manner similar to that of most farm boys and when he had mastered the studies taught in the district schools he had the benefit of instruction in an academy at Annapolis, Parke county, Indiana, conducted by Professor Barnabas Hobbs. This with a year in Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, ended his school training, yet it would be difficult today to find a man in public life who has read more broadly or has a wider store of wisdom concerning the multitudinous questions which in one phase or another affect the political situation of the country.

He was only fourteen years of age when his father, in attempting to ford Sugar creek in order to attend a patient, was drowned. His son Joseph was early thrown upon his own resources and to provide for his support secured a clerkship in a store at Annapolis at a salary of two hundred dollars per year. He was thus employed for five years and managed to save half of his earnings, so that with a capital of five hundred dollars he went to Terre Haute, Indiana, where he entered upon the study of law under the direction of John P. Usher, one of the distinguished attorneys of the middle west. He supplemented his preliminary reading by a course of study in the Cincinnati Law School. Economy was a part of his training during that period but he was actuated by strong ambition and determination to succeed and he overlooked present hardships with a view to enjoying success in the future. When his law course was finished he entered upon active practice in Shelbyville, Illinois, and there formed the acquaintance of distinguished and able representatives of the bar. Later he began practice in Tuscola, Illinois, going there to join his mother and his brother, William P. Cannon, who had removed to that place. Advancement at the bar is proverbially slow and, like many others, Mr. Cannon had to await the time when his practice should be large and profitable. His leisure hours, however, were by no means wasted. He improved them by study, so that when cases did come to him he had a mind well stored with legal knowledge and was able to cope with the intricate and involved problems of the law. He relates that on one occasion when he had a case at Urbana he walked from Tuscola to the former place, carrying his coat upon his arm, in order to save the cost of transportation.

While in Tuscola Mr. Cannon formed the acquaintance of Miss Mary Pamela Reed, whom he made his wife and whose counsel and keen intellect assisted him greatly in his career. A contemporary biographer has said of her: "Mrs. Cannon was a magnificent lady, elegantly educated, strong common sense, lofty ideals, and gave her husband a steady and powerful support during those days of struggle and after he became successful in life. She died in Danville in December, 1889, deeply mourned by a wide circle of friends and especially by Mr. Cannon and his two daughters, Miss Helen Cannon and Mrs. Mabel Cannon LeSeure. Miss Helen, a noble and gifted lady, has been his constant companion and helper since the death of her mother."

Mr. Cannon first actively entered politics in 1861, when he decided to become a candidate for states attorney against Ward H. Lamon, brother of Judge J. B. Lamon, the latter being at one time a local law partner of Abraham Lincoln and afterward marshal of the District of Columbia and an officer of Lincoln's bodyguard. Judge Lamon was widely known and very popular, while Mr. Cannon had a much less extensive acquaintance. His friends advised him not to enter the race but with the same keen insight into the situation that has since characterized his efforts in politics, he announced himself as a candidate, believing that he could win. While living in Indiana he had attended the big yearly Quaker meetings in Vermilion Grove, Illinois, with his parents, traveling across the rough country in a farm wagon. He knew every Quaker family of consequence in the region of Georgetown and Vermilion Grove, Illinois. The mud was very deep, the streams were high and without bridges, but he swam his horse across, went into the Quaker settlement, made a house to house canvass, stating who he was and what he wanted. On various occasions the good old people listened gravely and said, "Yes, Joseph, we know thy good mother and father and will vote for thee." They kept their promise and the result was that Mr. Cannon was elected. He served as states attorney until 1868 and during that period not only proved his ability as a lawyer but also became so well known that he determined upon another step in the political field. He first became a candidate for congress in 1872, at which time the eleventh Illinois district was composed of Champaign, Coles, Douglas, Macon, Piatt and Vermilion counties. The convention met at Tolona and the other candidates for the nomination were Colonel J. W. Langley of Champaign, Colonel Lyman Guinip of Vermilion and General Jesse H. Moore, then serving in congress. The first ballot showed that Mr. Cannon had but the four votes from Douglas. There was little change as the balloting proceeded until the thirty-eighth, when Mr. Cannon received the support of Vermilion's eight votes. Coles and Macon followed and Mr. Cannon was given twenty-six votes against four for Moore and seven for Langley. His nomination was made unanimous with thundering applause. In response to the call he made a modest speech, in which he spoke so kindly of his opponents that he won them over. At the ensuing election a large majority placed him in congress. By acclamation at each succeeding convention since 1872 he has been renominated and each time has been reelected by substantial majorities save in 1890, when there was a landslide throughout the country, the democratic party gaining the ascendancy. The ablest men in the opposition have been his opponents and yet the people have chosen Mr. Cannon again and again, proving their faith and confidence in him.

Colonel W. R. Jewell has thus written of him (and perhaps no one is better qualified to speak of Mr. Cannon):

"The main elements of his strength are: 1st, his hard common sense. He is a genius of this type of men. He sees things as they are and knows how to meet them. 2d his steadfast integrity. He never falsifies, prevaricates or shuffles. He makes few promises; he keeps those he makes. He never makes promises during a campaign. 3d, his knowledge of men. He knows men as the most skilled merchant knows fabrics by the slightest touch. 4th, his steadfastness to tried friends. He never uses a man to neglect him afterward. No man

remembers services better and reciprocates more fully. 5th, by his fairness and kindness to opponents. He has no feuds with any who desire to be friendly. One has to be a fussy man and fuss by himself who continues to fuss with Mr. Cannon. He prefers to have men with him this year who were against him last year. 6th, by his natural democratic manners, which are ingrained. He is one of the people in act and speech. His conversation is full of homely illustrations from the fireside, the wayside, the shop. He enjoys a good joke and has a fund of anecdote rich and rare, which he tells as well as Joe Jefferson acted Rip Van Winkle. 7th, his power as a speaker. While not eloquent in word painting, yet he pours forth sound facts as a threshing machine pours forth clean golden grain where the yield has been an hundred fold. The substantial people who do the thinking and mold sentiment hear him with rapt attention. His clear cut facts gleam like new golden coin in their minds. He will no more misquote statistics or facts than the pious preacher would misquote holy writ. Now and then in his speeches he will tell a funny anecdote, but the great body of what he has to say is solid, sound and goes to the soul of affairs. 'What does Cannon say about it?' is in the mouths of his constituents when a new question of importance arises. Long since they have come to trust in his knowledge and integrity, for they know he is no demagogue or trifler but a real statesman. 8th, his eminent ability as a legislator. It is useless to enlarge on this. He is honest, faithful, forceful in congress. His political opponents acknowledge this. Mr. Cannon does not speak often in congress; but when he speaks he has the closest attention on account of the matter of what he says. He is one of the few members in the house who instruct the members and in whose statements they have confidence. 'He is the ablest man in either branch on business statistics,' is what Speaker Reed and other members have said. During the stormy days of the '80s and '90s Reed, McKinley and Cannon were the big three who, as committee on rules and as leaders, fought and won great parliamentary battles. His long and able service, his generous nature and his eminent ability as a parliamentarian, has made him speaker of the next house (the fifty-eighth congress) by the unanimous choice of the republican members."

True history gives all facts and this record would be incomplete without reference to the division that has been manifest in republican ranks and which perhaps might be termed a contest between the conservative and the ultra aggressive. Those who oppose Mr. Cannon are inflexible in their opposition but his adherents—and they are many—are equally strong and stalwart in his support. A leader must always expect opposition. There is never any personal attack, however, aside from politics made upon Mr. Cannon and he has commanded the respect of even his opponents by the calm and unruffled manner which he has maintained, greeting much of the opposition with a golden silence that shows that the wisdom of age has placed him above and beyond the bickerings of political strife. There is after all no better criterion of the real man than the opinions of his neighbors, and Mr. Cannon's recent reelection from his home district shows how he is held among those who have known him since he entered upon the struggle for a livelihood as a poor young lawyer down to the present time, when national fame and honors are his. One of his admirable characteristics is that he never forgets a friend and he has as cheery a greeting for the

associates of his early manhood when he was unknown to fame as for the most distinguished men of the nation.

Again we quote from Mr. Jewell, who says: "Mr. Cannon is strictly domestic. His house is a large, substantial brick, 418 North Vermilion street, Danville, presided over by his stately daughter, Mrs. Ernest X. LeSeure. Here, in his great library, he spends much of his leisure time and with his two beautiful grandchildren whom he loves and spoils, Virginia and Helen LeSeure, while from its golden frame, with love-lit smile of wife and grandmother, looks down the gracious face of the noble woman with whom he made life's morning march, when their bosoms were young, and whom he often sees in his visions and dreams."

WILLIAM S. HAZZARD.

Among the native sons of the neighboring state of Indiana who have established a permanent home in Illinois and prospered as a farmer may be named William S. Hazzard. He is now in the prime of life, a successful farmer and a man who is highly respected as a representative of the leading interests of this county. He was born in Parke county, Indiana, November 26, 1868, and is a son of John F. and Caroline M. (Evers) Hazzard, the former also a native of Parke county, and the latter of Henry county, that state. John F. Hazzard was a farmer and came to Vermilion county in 1879 and here rented land for six years, at the end of which time he bought the farm where our subject now resides and engaged with a goodly measure of success in agricultural pursuits. As a patriotic citizen and a supporter of the Union he proffered his services to the Federal government at the time of the Civil war and became a member of Company E, One Hundred and Fifteenth Indiana Regiment of Volunteers. Having been discharged from this company on account of the expiration of the time of enlistment, he again enlisted, serving in the One Hundred and Fortyninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry until the close of the war. He participated in a number of great battles and, although he was a brave man and on more than one occasion was in imminent danger, he never received an injury while in the service of his country. He was a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln and a stanch advocate of the republican party. He was essentially a self-made man and possessed those characteristics which attract friends, so that he was a popular man wherever he was known. He departed this life after many years of usefulness, April 25, 1905, and his remains were deposited in Crown Hill cemetery. The faithful wife and mother still survives and is living on the old home place, which embraces three hundred and forty-two acres on section 15, Love township.

William S. Hazzard was reared at home and educated in the common schools, remaining with his father, who gave him a thorough training in all matters pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising. He still continues at the old homestead, where he has had charge of the farm, making a specialty of raising and feeding live stock and gaining a reputation as one of the progressive and energetic men in his line.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN F. HAZARD

Millard F. Porterfield was reared at home, acquiring his education in the common schools and in the Illinois State University. He was a member of the first class, numbering sixty-five students, and for three years attended that institution. After finishing his studies he remained at home, assisting in the cultivation and improvement of the farm until about twenty-five years of age when he took charge of a farm of his own, comprising two hundred acres of land in Champaign county, and was actively engaged in its further cultivation and improvement until 1889 when he put aside general agricultural pursuits and removed to Sidney where he turned his attention to general merchandising in which he continued for two years. In 1891 he removed to Fairmount, Vermilion county, where he established a private bank that he has since conducted. This meets a long felt want in the community, facilitating business interests at this point. All departments of the banking business are here conducted and the institution is regarded as one of the most reliable and substantial financial concerns in this part of the state.

In 1885 Mr. Porterfield was married to Miss Belle J. Cole of Philo, Illinois, and they have become the parents of three children: Raymond, who graduated from the civil engineering school of the State University of Illinois in 1906, is now employed in the office of the chief engineer of the Delaware & Lackawanna Railroad at Hoboken, New Jersey; N. Mildred, who is a graduate in literature and art of the State University of the class of 1908; and Willard B., who is now a student in the University of Illinois.

The attractive home of the family is the abode of warm-hearted hospitality and the scene of many pleasant social functions. Mr. Porterfield, his wife and children are members of the Presbyterian church and he is serving as church treasurer, while to its support he makes generous contributions. He belongs to Fairmount Lodge, No. 590, A. F. & A. M., to the Modern Woodmen Camp and to the Court of Honor. His political support is given to the republican party and he has served at various times as a member of the town council of Fairmount, while for a number of years he has been a member of the school board. His labors in this connection are practical and far-reaching and in every field to which he turns his activities it is found that his ideals and labors are both resultant. He has sought success in the legitimate lines of trade and by the pursuit of a persistent purpose has gained a most satisfactory reward.

B. F. CANADAY.

The name of Canaday is well known in Vermilion county, as it represents a family which was among the first to brave the terrors of the wilderness and prepare this region for the possible occupation of the white race. There was but one cabin within the limits of what is now known as Elwood township when those brave men established themselves here, and the beautiful farms now to be seen all over the county are in a great measure the results of the privations and toil inseparably connected with a life such as the earlier men of the family were obliged to endure. Many of the pioneers were far-sighted, but

they builded even better than they knew, and the years that have passed have witnessed changes which no man could have prophesied when two strong and sturdy members of the Canaday family erected in 1820 a log cabin near the spot in Elwood township which became their permanent home.

B. F. Canaday, whose name appears at the head of this review, belongs to the younger generation. He was born in Vermilion county, July 19, 1845, and is a son of William and Mary (Hayworth) Canaday, both natives of Tennessee. On the paternal side the family is descended from Henry Canaday, of North Carolina, who removed to Wayne county, Indiana, in 1820, sending his two sons ahead to prepare a home further west in the primeval wilderness. In 1821 the family took possession of the rude cabin heretofore mentioned and from this spot they have gone forth for almost a century to the work which each has felt appointed to do. Here the pioneer lived under the simplest conditions, felling the forest and tilling the soil, until in this region are found the most productive farms in Illinois. The mother died in 1854, her companion surviving fifty-one years and departing this life at the age of ninety, in 1905. By diligence and good judgment he acquired more than one thousand acres of land, giving a goodly heritage to each of his seven children: Julia A., G. F., Richard H., James A., Matilda, Benjamin F. and Alice.

B. F. Canaday was reared on the family homestead and received his education in the neighboring district schools. He readily acquired a practical knowledge of the details of farming and after arriving at manhood he went to Champaign county, Illinois, where he assumed charge of the farm which his father had given him and conducted the same with very favorable results for twenty-three years. He then disposed of his farm and purchased the homestead of one hundred and twenty acres in Elwood township, where he now lives, and also has become the owner of a promising section of land in western Canada. In addition to the regular operations of the farm Mr. Canaday makes a practice of raising stock and feeds to his own cattle, horses and hogs the grain which he produces. He has always been a man of good judgment in business affairs and is recognized by his neighbors as one of the thoroughly energetic and efficient farmers of this region, who not only understands how to till the soil so as to produce the best results but also keeps thoroughly posted as to markets, and the live stock shipped from his farm is usually in the best possible condition and commands the highest prices. In the spring of 1874 Mr. Canaday laid aside the cares of the farm and made an extensive trip for observation and pleasure through the various cities of the west, going as far as the Pacific coast in California. He was absent for a year and returned with many new ideas as to the extent and resources of the country and also as to the application of principles in farming which he has successfully demonstrated for many years.

In 1875 Mr. Canaday was united in marriage to Miss Cornelia Green, who was born in Ohio and became the mother of seven children: Howard, at home; Richard, deceased; Anna, now Mrs. Clyde Long; Jessie, at home; and the triplets—Mark, deceased; Martha, the wife of P. Freeman; and Mary, now Mrs. Earl Plotner. The family was called to mourn the death of the mother in

1895 and Mr. Canaday was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Effa Holaday, a daughter of Dr. H. Holaday, a native of Indiana.

Mr. Canaday is a staunch republican and for ten years past has been a member of the county commissioner of highways and treasurer of the board. He has devoted a great deal of time to forwarding the interests of the party of which he is a most earnest advocate. For twenty-five years he has served as school director and for forty-two years he has been an honored member of Lodge No. 632, A. F. & A. M., at Ridge Farm. Mr. Canaday and his wife were reared in the Quaker faith and their lives have been controlled in a large degree by the simple teachings of a faith which regards all men as brothers and literally accepts the golden rule as the main guidance in all the changing circumstances of our earthly career. As the result Mr. and Mrs. Canaday are respected by the entire community where they have spent many years and have wrought not entirely for their own advancement but unselfishly have assisted in the development of the permanent welfare of all with whom they have associated.

ARTHUR E. VANSICKLE.

Arthur E. Vansickle, who operates a flourishing horseshoeing establishment at Danville, which he has conducted most of the time for the past twelve years, was born in Indiana, April 6, 1870. He is the son of Andrew Vansickle, who was an expert horseshoer, and Wilhelmina (Howalt) Vansickle, the father being a native of Canada and the mother of Germany. Mrs. Vansickle was left an orphan in her girlhood and came to America at fourteen years of age. Mr. Vansickle, the father, is a descendant of Dutch ancestry, the earlier members of the family coming from Holland. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Vansickle: Arthur E., our subject; Jeremiah, of Colorado; and Mareno E., the wife of Richard Mulvane, of Fairmount, Illinois.

The subject of this review grew up under the parental roof and was educated in the common schools. He learned under his father the horseshoeing trade and worked at this occupation for some time while still living at home. However, at twenty years of age his aspirations for independence began to manifest themselves and he entered the employ of strangers, continuing until 1898, when he began business on his own account in Danville, at the corner of Franklin and Main streets, and he is now operating one of the two most prosperous horseshoeing shops in the city, having by close application to his calling built up a reputation which attracts the best class of patrons in the entire region.

On August 4, 1896, Mr. Vansickle was united in marriage to Miss Effie Martin, a daughter of Jacob I. and Corona (Lawless) Martin, who were natives of Vermilion county. Her parents were among the pioneers of this county but retired in 1899 and lived in Indiana for nine years, at the end of which time they returned to Danville where they now reside. Mr. Martin is sixty-two years of age and his wife fifty-six, and unto them were born eight children: Effie; Wilder, of Danville, Illinois; Harry, a resident of Perrysville, Indiana; Will-

iam, who died at the age of twenty-seven years; Viola, deceased at twenty-five years of age; and Franklin, Mary and Zella, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have always been strong advocates of education and have provided each of their children with good school advantages. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Vansickle four children were born: Leona and Leota, twins, born March 5, 1897, the former of whom passed away July 21, 1897, and the latter October 9, 1909; Fred A., born August 13, 1901; and Nellie J., born May 25, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Vansickle are active members of Yeoman Lodge, No. 260, of Danville, and their home is at No. 208 West North street.

Mr. Vansickle is politically in sympathy with the principles of the republican party, but has never been an active political worker, as his business has required his entire attention. He has since the beginning of his active career shown those traits of energy, industry and perseverance that seldom fail to accomplish gratifying results, and he is now established in a substantial business of which he is the head and which each year shows more satisfactory returns.

BENJAMIN F. BLAISDELL.

Benjamin F. Blaisdell, an enterprising and progressive farmer and stockman of Sidell township, was born in Ripley county, Indiana, on the 4th of July, 1841, his parents being Isaac N. and Mary (Sutton) Blaisdell, who were natives of Indiana and New Jersey respectively. The mother, who accompanied her parents on their removal to the Hoosier state when a small child, was reared and married in Ripley county and there continued to reside throughout the remainder of her life. She passed away when seventy-two years of age, while Mr. Blaisdell was called to his final rest when in the eighty-sixth year of his age.

Benjamin F. Blaisdell was reared under the parental roof and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. On the 19th of April, 1861, he enlisted in the Union army, joining Company I, Thirteenth Indiana Infantry, with which he served for eighteen months, when illness necessitated his discharge. He was married on returning home and in October, 1862, became a member of the Seventh Indiana Cavalry, serving with that command for two years and eight months. In the spring of 1866 he was honorably discharged at Austin, Texas, his regiment having been sent to that city subsequent to the surrender of Lee.

After again returning home he took up farming in Shelby county, Illinois, there carrying on agricultural pursuits for about eight years. On the expiration of that period he went to Champaign county, which remained his home for seven or eight years. In 1892 he took up his abode in Sidell township, Vermilion county, and became a tenant on the Sam Allerton farm, cultivating about three hundred acres of land for three years. At the end of that time he removed to his present place in Sidell township, the property being owned by John N. Burr, of Philo, Illinois. He farms two tracts of land aggregating two hundred and thirty acres and pays a cash rent. In connection with the tilling of the soil he

handles the best grades of cattle and horses, his labors being rewarded with success in both branches of activity. For many years he has been a student of corn and small grain culture and in the past season he sowed eight acres of oats, paying thirty dollars for the seed. He has frequently exhibited corn at the local corn shows and has never failed to take either the first or second premium. He won first prize at Allerton on twenty-five bushels of corn, the prize being a one hundred dollar buggy. This fall he will probably exhibit at the National Corn Show at Columbus, Ohio.

In 1862 Mr. Blaisdell was united in marriage to Miss Lorinda Allen, of Ripley county, Indiana, by whom he had twelve children. Ten still survive, as follows: Lilly, at home; Mary, the wife of Lew Heiner, of Sidell township; Carrie, who gave her hand in marriage to G. I. Baxter, of Edgar county, Illinois; Maud, the wife of William Mast, of Edgar county, Illinois; Pearl, who is the wife of Paul Gray and resides in Sidell township, this county; Jessie, who is the wife of Harry Wingfield, of Edgar county, Illinois; Helen, at home; Newton, living in Danville, Illinois; John, an agriculturist of Sidell township, this county; and Elbert, who is also yet under the parental roof.

Politically Mr. Blaisdell has always been a staunch advocate and supporter of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. He has been a member of the board of road commissioners of Sidell township for four years and now acts as its president, having done valuable service in this connection. The cause of education also finds in him a stalwart champion and for nine years he served as a member of the school board. For the past twenty-two years he has been identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and for nine years he acted as venerable counsel of the Allerton camp, while for the past year he has held the same office in the Sidell camp. He belongs to the following camps: Woodbine Camp, No. 103, at Philo; Allerton Camp, No. 119, at Allerton; and Sidell Camp, No. 405, at Sidell. An excellent farmer, good business man and public-spirited citizen, Mr. Blaisdell has not only succeeded in material things but has also won the confidence and friendship of those with whom he has been brought in contact and is admitted to be one of the representative residents of Sidell township.

ARTHUR H. GUNDER.

Arthur H. Gunder, a well known farmer of Vance township, was born on the old family homestead, which he now owns, November 16, 1873. He is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Hudghel) Gunder, the former a native of Fayette county, Ohio, and the latter of Madison county, Indiana. They were married at Anderson, Indiana, and came to Vermilion county, where they settled upon the land in Vance township, about one and a quarter miles west of Fairmount, which has since been in possession of the family. Mr. Gunder bought three hundred and twenty acres of land, making further acquisitions later until he became the owner of a fine farm of four hundred acres, where he conducted general agricultural operations. In 1892 he rented his farm and moved to Fair-

mount, where the father and mother both departed this life in 1899. Mr. Gunder was actively identified with the democratic party and served as county supervisor and also as road commissioner, displaying the same interest and judgment in public affairs that he exercised in his own business. He was a charter member of the Masonic lodge at Fairmount and was known as one of the most enterprising and public-spirited citizens of the county. He and his wife were firm believers in the Christian religion and held membership in the Baptist church, which they accepted as presenting most clearly the teachings of the Great Master. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gunder, seven of whom are now living: Jasper N., who was educated at the University of Illinois and is now living in Chicago; James H., a graduate in civil engineering of the University of Illinois and now a resident of Worland, Wyoming; Samuel H., who graduated from the University of Michigan and now lives in Chicago; Alice A., who was educated at St. Mary's Academy in Indiana and is the wife of Joseph Howard, of Vance township; Mary A., who graduated in vocal and instrumental music from the Jacksonville Female Academy and was married to Peter Beyer, of Danville, Illinois, now deceased; Julia C., also a graduate of the Jacksonville Female Academy and the wife of Frank Godwin, of Decatur, Illinois; and Arthur H., the subject of this review.

Reared under the beneficent influences of a kindly home, Arthur H. Gunder received his preliminary education in the common schools and the Fairmount high school, later attending the Dixon Business College, from which he graduated with the class of 1893. His father, who was an earnest advocate of education and assisted in every way possible to secure the best educational facilities for all of his children, offered to send him to the State University and to pay for a full course of four years' instruction in that celebrated institution, but the parents were growing old and the son relinquished the opportunity for a college education in order that he might be near his father and mother during their declining years. Accordingly, he accepted a position in the Fairmount postoffice under a brother, who was postmaster, and there he continued for two years. During this time he gained many practical ideas as to business management, which assisted him very materially after he assumed larger responsibilities. In the spring of 1896 he took charge of the home farm, which he has since operated. He purchased two hundred and eighteen acres of the estate and also other holdings. His farm is under a high state of cultivation and provided with every appliance necessary in conducting the operations of a strictly up-to-date establishment. He also owns and operates one hundred and sixty acres in the northern part of the township. Mr. Gunder has for many years engaged extensively in cattle feeding and in this, as in other farm operations, has displayed a judgment that has yielded very satisfactory financial returns.

On January 27, 1897, Mr. Gunder was united in marriage to Miss Ollie Barker, of Catlin township, this county, a daughter of Amos B. Barker, a farmer now living retired at Danville. One child, Helen E., has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Gunder. Mr. Gunder is a staunch believer in the principles of the democratic party but has never aspired to fill any public office, as his extensive farming interests have required his entire attention. He is a member of Fairmount Lodge, No. 590, A. F. & A. M., and also of the Court of Honor. In

church relations he is identified with the Baptist denomination and as a deacon of the church he takes a great deal of interest in its welfare. He and his wife are earnest and efficient workers in forwarding every enterprise that has for its aim the permanent advancement of the community. Mr. Gunder is greatly respected wherever he is known and is recognized as one of the substantial and progressive citizens of one of the most enlightened and flourishing regions of Illinois.

HENRY CARYL HOLTON, M. D.

Many accord to the practice of medicine the highest place in an estimate of the value of different lines of business and it is a well known fact that no occupation or profession is so little commercialized, for the successful physician must be a man not only of wide scientific attainments and of laudable ambition for success, but must also possess that broad humanitarian spirit that prompts him to labor for the welfare of his fellowmen even when no pecuniary reward may be expected.

Ranking with the able physicians and surgeons of Sidell is Dr. Henry Caryl Holton, who was born in Indianola, Illinois, October 23, 1853, and is a son of Leonard C. and Helen (Dudley) Holton, both of whom were natives of Vermont. However, they were married in Kentucky, where Leonard C. Holton had gone to superintend a large plantation, while the lady of his choice had been engaged in teaching school in that state. Soon after their marriage they came to Illinois and about 1849 settled in Indianola, where the father engaged in merchandising, being one of the pioneers in that line of business. He continued in active connection with the business for a number of years and gained recognition as one of the leading citizens of the community. He died in 1870 at the age of fifty-eight years and in the spring of 1871 his widow went to Danville and again took up teaching, which she followed for seventeen consecutive years, being one of the able educators in the Danville city schools. She not only possessed the ability to impart clearly and readily the knowledge that she had acquired but also manifested that comprehension of the student as an individual without which the most successful work in the schoolroom can never be accomplished. Because of ill health she spent the last three years of her life in the home of her son, Dr. Holton, and passed away on the 21st of October, 1895, in her seventieth year.

Dr. Holton was reared at home, acquiring his education in the public schools of Indianola and in the State University of Champaign, Illinois, in which he spent one year. He then took up the profession of teaching and for ten years was identified with educational work. During the last four years of that period he devoted the time which is usually termed leisure to the study of medicine and in 1881 entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in the class of 1883. Following his graduation he came to Sidell and opened an office for practice. Here he has remained continuously for twenty-seven years and has built up an enviable reputation as



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an able and skilled physician commanding a liberal patronage that is indicative of the confidence and trust reposed in him professionally.

In 1883 Dr. Holton was united in marriage to Miss Ura Ames, of Palermo, Illinois, and unto them were born six children, of whom three died in infancy, while three are still living: Max C., who was for a time engaged in prospecting in Montana, but is now engaged in mercantile business in Sidell; Wade A., assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Sidell; and Caryl A., who is attending the University of Illinois at Champaign. Dr. and Mrs. Holton have also reared three adopted daughters from infancy: Frankie Leo Holton; Garnet Leo Dickinson and Ruth M. Dickinson, all of whom are still living with them. To these adopted daughters they are giving excellent educational privileges and all expect to enter the State University in the fall of 1910.

Mrs. Holton, her sons and daughters, are members of the Baptist church. Dr. Holton is prominent in fraternal circles, belonging to Sidell Lodge, No. 225, I. O. O. F; Sidell Encampment, No. 58; and Mae Lodge, No. 275, of the Order of Rebekah. He is likewise connected with Dell Lodge, No. 422, K. P.; Sidell Camp, No. 405, M. W. A.; the Court of Honor and the Loyal Americans. In more strictly professional lines his association is with the Illinois State Medical Society, the Vermilion County Medical Society and the American Association of Railway Surgeons, being entitled to membership in the latter from the fact that he is local surgeon for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway Company. Conscientious in the performance of his professional duties, constantly broadening his knowledge by reading and investigation, he has made for himself a creditable position among the able members of the medical fraternity of Vermilion county.

JOSEPH PUZEY.

Joseph Puzey, who is the owner of a highly improved farm of two hundred acres in Jamaica township, is a native son of Illinois and a member of one of the best known families of this region. Reared as a farmer, he has made a record in that vocation which is a credit to himself and to Vermilion county. He was born in Carroll township, now a part of Jamaica township, this county, February 29, 1860, and is a son of Henry and Hannah (Rymer) Puzey, the father being of sturdy English ancestry and a prominent farmer, stock-raiser and horticulturist of this county—an appropriate and interesting record of his remarkable success being set forth elsewhere in this work. There were five children in the family: Joseph, James R. and Thomas, all farming in Jamaica township; Frances E., the wife of Charles E. Nesbit, of Catlin township, this county, and Henry F., of Vance township.

Joseph Puzey was reared under the care of loving parents and thoroughly educated not only in the branches of the common schools but in everything pertaining to the farm, so that he had ample opportunity to become expert not only in all departments of agriculture and horticulture, in which his father gained a wide reputation, but also in the breeding and care of farm animals and in the

business management of the farm. That he profited by his liberal course of education is shown by the success he has attained. Upon reaching manhood he associated with his father and brothers in cooperative farming until 1890, when he removed to a farm of forty acres which was given him by his father and to which he added forty acres acquired by purchase. About 1901 he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on which he makes his home, and he now possesses one of the most valuable properties of its area in this region. The home residence is a beautiful modern dwelling provided with all the conveniences and comforts which may be desired, and the entire farm has an air of neatness and good order which is indicative of the thought and care bestowed upon it by its owner.

On November 13, 1890, Mr. Puzey was united in marriage to Miss Emma Jones of Catlin. Her father is Frederick Jones, a well known farmer now living retired, whose farm was the site of the Catlin coal shaft now owned by the A. C. Daniels Coal Company. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Puzey: Fay, Ralph and Lizzie, all of whom are living at home.

Mr. Puzey has been a lifelong democrat, and, while he has not sought public office, he has served for several years as a member of the school board and also as road commissioner and drainage commissioner of his district. While not affiliated with any church, he and his wife are regular attendants of the Methodist Episcopal church and are liberal supporters of all religious and charitable causes, as well as of all movements aiming to advance the permanent interests of his part of the county. Mr. Puzey occupies an enviable position as the head of a happy family and as an intelligent, respected citizen in a community where true merit receives its due recognition.

GOLDEN PATTERSON.

The pioneers will always be remembered as remarkable men. They were strong and fearless and they had the qualities of industry and perseverance. They left home and friends far behind and, in the midst of difficulties that would have daunted men of less self-reliance, they built rude cabins and established homes where previously had been the lair of wild beasts or the camping place of the wily Indian. They were a resolute, determined class of men who having once made a decision seldom departed from it. While many of them did not possess much "book" education, they had an abundance of common sense and in their knowledge of nature were far superior to the ordinary individual of today.

Many of these brave pioneers came from the southern states and found a home in Illinois. Among the number were Andrew and Amelia Patterson, who were both natives of the state of Tennessee, belonging to a hardy stock that feared not the terrors of the wilderness. They came to Illinois in 1830 and entered government land in what is now Love township, Vermilion county, where the family homestead is today to be seen. Here the head of the house felled the trees and erected a simple log cabin which he covered with a clap-

board roof and, when he found opportunity, supplied with a puncheon floor, the principal means of ventilation and light in this, as in many other dwellings of the early settlers, being through the open door, although some of the primitive homes contained a window across which was stretched a piece of oiled paper. The young couple set up housekeeping and the good wife attended to the domestic duties, while her husband cleared away the forest, broke the prairie and in the course of years developed a productive farm. Six children came to the household of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, three of whom are now living: William, of Ridge Farm; Elizabeth, the wife of Alexander Campbell, of Ridge Farm; and Golden, the subject of this review.

Golden Patterson was born July 17, 1833, and grew up under pioneer conditions. He was educated under such advantages as were available in the early district schools, which were generally in session about two months each winter and were conducted upon a subscription plan, the teacher boarding around among his patrons. Mr. Patterson continued on the home farm, where he has lived all his life, and he now owns six hundred and sixty acres of land. He also owns four hundred and forty-three acres of land in Madison county, Indiana. He has been for some years living retired, having passed to younger shoulders the responsibilities of the farm.

Mr. Patterson has never been identified with any religious denomination but is known as a man of charitable instincts and broad views, and one who has always assisted, as opportunity offered, in promoting the welfare of the neighborhood. In politics he is a republican, but he has never sought official honors or publicity of any kind. In the quiet walks of private life he has pursued his way, directing his attention to his own interests with an ability that long ago placed him financially beyond the fear of dependency. He is well known as a man of strict honesty and integrity, true to every cause he has ever espoused and he holds in a high degree the respect and confidence of his neighbors and friends.

CHARLES E. GERNAND.

Charles E. Gernand, who has always resided within the borders of Vermilion county and is widely recognized as one of its substantial and esteemed citizens, is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and ninety acres on sections 35 and 36, Grant township. His birth occurred in that township on the 1st of March, 1871, his parents being Abraham H. and Emma (Evans) Gernand, both of whom were natives of Berks county, Pennsylvania. In 1852 they journeyed westward to Illinois, first locating in Danville, Vermilion county. Here the father conducted a store for some time, while subsequently he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, purchasing a farm in Grant township and devoting his time and energies to its further cultivation and improvement until called to his final rest in 1903. The period of his residence in this county covered four decades and he enjoyed an extensive and favorable acquaintance here. His wife passed away in 1905. Their union was blessed with nine chil-

dren, as follows: Anna and Laura, both of whom are residents of Rossville; Elmer, living in Grant township; Evans, who makes his home at Hull, Pike county, Illinois; George, who is still on the old homestead; Charles E., of this review; William, of Washington, D. C.; Edna, the wife of Fred Barnes, of Rossville, Illinois; and one who died in infancy.

Charles E. Gernand supplemented his preliminary education by a college course and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. At that time he took up his abode on a farm of one hundred and ninety acres on sections 35 and 36, Grant township, where he has since carried on his agricultural interests with excellent success, annually gathering rich and bounteous harvests. The property is well improved in every particular and in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

In 1901 Mr. Gernand was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Winning, a native of Vermilion county and a daughter of Joseph and Lillian (Smith) Winning, who were likewise born in this county. The father passed away in 1908 but the mother still survives. Their children were eight in number, all of whom are yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Gernand have two children, namely: Ruth W., whose birth occurred on the 18th of March, 1902; and Harold E., whose natal day was December 12, 1906.

In politics Mr. Gernand is a staunch republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, with which his wife is also identified. They are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community, having ever displayed those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime awaken confidence and regard.

JAMES R. PETET.

James R. Petet, a prosperous farmer of Love township, who started out early in life upon his own account and through his industry and ability has attained an honorable place in the community, is a native of Indiana. He was born in Parke county, December 15, 1839, and is a son of Absalom and Rachel Petet, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Petet were early settlers in Indiana and the mother died in that state, but the father came to Vermilion county where he passed away. Six children were born of their union, three of whom are now living.

The subject of this review grew up a farmer boy and attended the district school where he received instruction in the fundamental branches, and caught his first glimpse of that education which begins in childhood and continues to the end of life. He assisted his father and other members of the family in the work upon the farm, but he was ambitious to advance and even as a boy he longed to see the great world that lay on the other side of the horizon. At seventeen years of age his muscles were well developed and he began testing his abilities by working as a farm hand along side of full grown men. After arriving at twenty-eight years of age he began renting land upon his own account

and continued for thirty-five years. Having acquired sufficient capital by industry and perseverance, in 1902 he purchased the farm of twenty-six and one-half acres in Love township where he has since lived and which he has made one of the attractive properties of this region. Mr. Petet is a good agriculturist and is also well versed in stock-raising, and usually manages to secure good prices for his livestock. His farm is supplied with modern machinery and he possesses all the facilities necessary for carrying on its operations in the most approved fashion.

In 1867 Mr. Petet was fortunate in securing as his wife Miss Ellen Garard, who was born in Butler county, Ohio, and has been to him through all these years a great blessing. To them five children have been born: Effie C., the wife of Thomas Stokes, of Indiana; Frederick A., of Indiana; Tarance M., of Ridge Farm; Bertie J., now living at home; and an infant, deceased.

Mr. Petet is a valued member of the Order of Ben Hur and he and his wife are both members of the Presbyterian church and have made many friends by their interest in all measures aiming to promote the general good of the public. Mr. Petet has since boyhood been self-reliant to an unusual degree. By practicing thrift and economy early in his career, he gained a fair start and he now has the gratification of knowing that sufficient means have accumulated to enable his wife and himself to pass the remainder of their lives in comfort and ease. Such is the reward of rightly directed effort.

MICHAEL PHALEN.

Michael Phalen, living in Sidell township, is extensively engaged in farming, giving personal attention to the operation of six hundred and forty acres of land while he has personal supervision of four thousand acres constituting the Allerton property in Vermilion county. He was born in Yates county, New York, November 27, 1868.

J. W. FAGNER.

J. W. Fagner is a prominent representative of the farming interests of Ross township. His home is situated about three miles west of Rossville and comprises a splendid tract of land of five hundred and twenty acres, upon which he has made his home for thirty-six years. He also owns three hundred and thirty acres besides his home place. He came to Illinois from Indiana and prior to his removal to that state was a resident of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, July 25, 1843. His parents were John and Margaret (Miley) Fagner, who came from Prussia to enjoy the better opportunities afforded in the new world and established their home in the Keystone state. Both parents are now deceased, the mother's death having occurred in 1861, her grave being made in Fountain county, Indiana. The father passed away in 1887 in Indiana.

J. W. Fagner began his education in the schools of Pennsylvania and afterward attended school in Indiana, the family removing to the latter state during his boyhood days. At the age of eighteen he put aside his text-books and assumed the responsibilities of business life. He began farming as his father's assistant and was thus employed until twenty-two years of age, when he started out independently. His first farming venture was made in Warren county, Indiana, and for thirty-six years he has lived upon the place which is now his home. Here he is extensively engaged in general agricultural pursuits, owning five hundred and twenty acres of land, a part of which he purchased from Martin Senate. He practices rotation of crops and utilizes every modern method to keep his land in good condition and upon his farm are found all of the accessories and equipment of the best farming properties of the present day.

In 1868 Mr. Fagner was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Starr, who was reared in the vicinity of Bismarck, Illinois. She is a daughter of Solomon and Delia (Robertson) Starr, natives of Ohio and Kentucky respectively, who came to Illinois at an early day and settled in Vermilion county. The father died about 1888 and the mother in 1905. In their family were twelve children, of whom eight are still living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fagner have been born five children. James, the eldest, married Lulu Crane and they have two children living and have lost one. Solomon, the second son, married Miss Ora Pagdett and has one son. Jesse married Miss Maud Bohe, who died in March, 1908, leaving one son. Cora May and Forest, the younger members of the family, are at home.

Mr. Fagner has always been interested in the work of public progress and has cooperated in many measures which have been of value to the community. He has served as a member of the school board and as director. He has also been a member of the township board of trustees and road commissioner. His public duties have ever been discharged with promptness and fidelity and he is justly counted among the public-spirited citizens. The family are all members of the Presbyterian church and take a prominent part in its work. Such in brief is the history of Mr. Fagner, a man whose life at all times measures up to the highest standards and who, by his many splendid qualities, has gained the respect, confidence and good-will of all who know him.

LEMUEL CANNON.

One of the great pleasures of life is to meet with a man or woman who by years of devotion to high ideals has attained the greatest boon of human life—an upright and honorable character. To such persons the entire community yields recognition and it is such that are the very foundation of civilized society and the hope of this and every other nation. Accordingly as their number is increased, so will the world move forward in the direction of a universal brotherhood which has long been a dream but which is now recognized as an approaching reality. Vermilion county can claim among its citizens individuals who represent the standard briefly suggested above. Of this number is Lemuel Cannon of Jamaica township, the owner of one of the most beautiful farms

in the region and a factor for progress and permanency, whose influence has for many years been felt in this part of the county.

Mr. Cannon was born on the farm where he now lives, December 30, 1858. He is the son of Sheldon and Mary (Woodbury) Cannon, the former a native of Maryland, who came with his parents to Ohio and later to Vermilion county, Indiana, when he was still a boy. Here he grew up and was married and located on a farm which has become the family homestead. He originally entered a tract of government land, which cost a dollar and a quarter an acre, and at that time he was the only settler in his immediate vicinity, the nearest neighbor living on the Frohman farm two miles or more eastward. Beginning at the very foundation, Mr. Cannon broke the prairie and cultivated the soil with such success that he acquired a farm of four hundred acres which was recognized as one of the most productive in this region. In 1870 he removed to Fairmount, where he engaged for a time in merchandising, but as he advanced in years he retired from active duties and departed this life November 16, 1892, at the age of seventy-two years, nine months and seven days. He was a man of excellent judgment and fine executive ability and one who possessed the confidence and esteem of the people of the entire region. He was for many years a consistent member of the Presbyterian church and his life was in an important degree controlled by the teachings of the great Master. Mrs. Cannon, the mother of our subject, was called away in 1861, when he was only three years of age. She was a member of the Methodist church and a woman of high character and good intellectual attainments.

Lemuel Cannon grew up at home and acquired his education in the common schools, later attending the Normal School at Valparaiso, Indiana. He early became acquainted with the operations upon the farm but removed with his father to Fairmount and there for a short time engaged in the restaurant business. His father had established a boot, shoe and men's furnishing business at Fairmount and the management was turned over to the son, he conducting the business in such a way as to produce very satisfactory results. However, on June 23, 1883, the business was traded for a farm and in the following spring our subject, having in the meantime taken unto himself a partner for life, located on the farm of his boyhood days and there he has since resided. As a farmer Mr. Cannon ranks among the best in Vermilion county and he now owns four hundred and twenty-four acres of land, including the home place of two hundred and forty acres and a farm of one hundred and eighty-four acres in Catlin township. He is enterprising and progressive and in addition to his success in the field of agriculture he has attained a reputation as a stock-raiser. He was for about two years identified with the grain elevator business in Jamaica, where with O. C. Benson he built the elevator now owned and operated by R. T. Barton and then sold his interests to Mr. Benson and erected an elevator on the site of the one now owned by W. I. Baird. This building was destroyed by fire about eight months after its erection and he retired from the grain business.

On November 30, 1883, Mr. Cannon was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jester, of Potomac, and three children have blessed the union: Lola Edith, now the wife of Dr. H. A. Greer, of Danville, Illinois; Walter Everett, who is operating his father's farm; and Opal, who is living at home. Mrs. Cannon has been

to her husband a loving and helpful companion and their commodious home is always open to their many friends.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Cannon has been a supporter of the republican party, and although he has never sought political preferment he has served in various positions of public trust and responsibility. For seventeen years continuously he acted as a member of the school board and assisted in organizing Jamaica township. Socially he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Court of Honor, whose principles of helpfulness have always found in him a sincere advocate. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he was one of the leaders in the erection of the handsome new church of that denomination at Jamaica. Mr. Cannon is one of the influential men of his community and has a host of friends whose confidence and respect is a tribute to his sterling worth. By a life of activity and usefulness he has fairly earned the honorable position accorded him.

WILLIAM E. VLIET.

William E. Vliet is a representative farmer of Ross township living about two miles west of the town of Rossville. His place is an excellent tract of three hundred and twenty acres, of arable and productive land and the labor that he bestows upon the farm is rewarded by rich and abundant harvests. He was born in Peoria county on the 13th of September, 1857, and is a son of Andrew Jackson and Elizabeth (Fleming) Vliet. The father came from New Jersey to the middle west, being brought to Illinois in early life. He was an orphan and dependent upon strangers until he reached an age when his own labor could provide for his support. In his youth and early manhood he followed mechanical pursuits but later turned his attention to farming and purchased land in Iroquois county—a tract of one hundred and sixty acres—which became the Vliet homestead.

William E. Vliet became a pupil in the schools of Peoria county, Illinois, in 1865, and after acquiring a common-school education he turned his attention to farm work, which had also claimed his energies during the vacation periods. He early learned the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops and since attaining his majority has given his attention to the work of the farm. His labors in this direction have been practical and have brought him substantial returns. As the years have gone by he has prospered and has owned two different farms in Vermilion county, which he sold in order to purchase his present property, which is located in Ross township. This is a fine farm covering a half section and the land is very productive. He has placed upon it substantial improvements and it is lacking in none of the accessories and equipments of a model farm of the twentieth century.

Mr. Vliet was married on Christmas day of 1883 to Miss Texanna Wilson, a daughter of George and Sarah J. Wilson. The father was a son of Alexander Wilson, who came to Illinois in 1833, settling in Iroquois county upon a farm that is still occupied by his descendants. He was a tanner by trade but here

turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and continued his residence in Illinois until his death, save for a short period spent in Texas. He returned to this state, however, after an absence of five years. His son, George Wilson, has always lived in Iroquois county, where he was born on Christmas day of 1837. Reared to the occupation of farming, he has always followed that pursuit and is today one of the widely known and highly respected agriculturists of his community.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Vliet has been born eight children: Mamie Evelyn is the wife of John E. Hackman and has two children, Lester and Franklin; Macie Ethel became the wife of Ralph Winning and died December 14, 1906; Alva A. married Mack Beckett; Wilda Edna married Thomas Cornell of Ross-ville; William Eddie died October 24, 1910; Mabel Grace and Porter Wilson and Pauline Wilsie, twins, are attending school.

At one time Mr. Vliet was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows but is not connected with the organization at the present time. He and his family are prominent in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which they hold membership, finding the guiding spirit of their lives in the teachings of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Vliet have always lived in this section of the state and have a wide acquaintance here, while their salient characteristics and attractive social qualities have gained them a large circle of warm friends.

WILLIAM H. GOODWIN, M. D.

Dr. William H. Goodwin, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Fairmount, is numbered among the native sons of Vermilion county, his birth having occurred near Georgetown on the 31st of March, 1876, a son of Henderson and Angerena (Davenport) Goodwin. The father came to this county in an early day and for several years lived near Georgetown upon a farm which he owned and operated. The Civil war found him a loyal advocate of the Union cause. He served throughout the period of hostilities as a member of Company C, Seventy-third Illinois Regiment, and lost an arm at the battle of Chickamauga. For the past twenty years he has lived in Indianola and for several years filled the position of postmaster of that place. At the present writing he is serving as special pension attorney, having been appointed to the position by President Taft.

Dr. Goodwin spent his youthful days in his parents' home and after mastering the early branches of learning taught in the common schools continued his education in the Indianola high school and in Greer College at Hoopeston, graduating with the literary degree from that institution in the class of 1893. He then taught in the district schools for two years and learned in that valuable experience self-control and understanding of others which have constituted potent elements in his professional success in other directions. In the spring of 1895 he took up the study of medicine, reading for a short time under Dr. Od-bert of Indianola. In the fall of that year he entered Rush Medical College

at Chicago, pursuing a four years' course in that institution from which he was graduated with the class of 1899. He afterward became physician for the French Lick Hotel Company at French Lick Springs, Indiana, remaining there from June until December, 1899, and in the spring of 1900 he came to Fairmount, where he has since remained. During the ten years of his residence here he has built up an extensive and lucrative practice and that his diagnosis is correct and careful, his judgment sound and his application of remedial agencies effective is shown in the excellent results which have attended his efforts. He is a member of the Vermilion County Medical Society and in his practice conforms to the highest standard of professional ethics.

In 1900 Dr. Goodwin was married to Miss Mabel E. Nash of Fairmount. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are prominent socially. Dr. Goodwin is a republican in his political views and for the past four years has been president of the village, during which period he has managed the interests of the public as carefully, systematically and wisely as he has attended to his personal affairs. He belongs to Fairmount Lodge, No. 590, A. F. & A. M.; Homer Chapter, No. 94, R. A. M.; Peoria Consistory A. & A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is likewise connected with Fairmount Lodge, No. 973, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He enjoys in large measure the regard of his brethren of these organizations, while in his professional and social relations his standing is equally high.

JOHN N. CHENEY.

John N. Cheney, now living in Sidell, has for a long period been closely associated with agricultural interests in Vermilion county and derives his income today from a valuable farm, which he has brought under a high state of cultivation and which is well equipped with modern improvements. A native of Ohio, Mr. Cheney was born in Coshocton county, on the 20th of September, 1857, a son of Nathan and Martha J. (Smith) Cheney, both of whom were natives of Maryland, where they were married. In his boyhood days, however, the father went to Coshocton county, Ohio, with his parents, but in 1855 returned to Maryland for his bride and took her with him to his home in the Buckeye state. They continued to reside in Coshocton county until October, 1861, when they came west to Illinois, settling on a farm in Carroll township, Vermilion county, two miles northwest of Indianola. Nathan Cheney and his brother Moses had made a trip here prior to that time and were so well pleased with the country that they determined to return. Early in the '50s they had made the journey on foot, carrying with them their carpenter tools, for they had previously learned the carpenter's trade. In due course of time they arrived in Vermilion county and soon afterward each entered forty acres of land. They later made another trip and Nathan Cheney entered an additional eighty-acre tract. On permanently taking up his abode in the county in 1861 he traded his original entry of forty acres for a team of horses, a wagon and a set of chain harness. This with his eighty-acre tract and one hundred and twenty-five dollars

in money comprised his wealth and possessions at that period. In the early '50s he helped to build one of the oldest houses now standing in Indianola, it being the residence of Samuel Sconce, the grandfather of H. J. Sconce, now living in Sidell township. Mr. Cheney, however, worked but little at the carpenter's trade, for after coming to Illinois he devoted his time and energies to farming. He did not live on his eighty-acre tract of land, however, for about four or five years but rented a farm. Soon after his removal to the farm his wife died and two years later, in 1867, he sold the farm and with the money thus received made investment in one hundred and sixty acres of land three miles farther west but also in Carroll township, paying ten dollars per acre for the same. To that place he removed in 1868, and made it his home up to the time of his death, which occurred on the 19th of September, 1892, when he was in his seventieth year. Throughout the period of his residence here he had maintained a place among the highly respected and worthy citizens of the community. In politics he was a republican and in his fraternal relations was a Mason, being connected with the craft for more than forty years. He lived an upright, honorable life, gave generously to charity and was ever ready to help those who needed assistance. John N. Cheney now has in his possession a fifty cent piece which was the first money his father ever received in payment for a day's work as a man, this being paid him for cradling grain.

When a little lad John N. Cheney accompanied his parents on their removal from Ohio to Illinois and spent his youthful days upon the home farm, acquiring his education in the public schools, supplemented by six months' study in the Vermilion Academy. He was early trained to habits of industry and perseverance and these qualities have proven substantial factors in his success in later life. On reaching his twenty-first year he purchased a team of horses and began cultivating a portion of his father's farm. He inherited the farm upon his father's death, as he was an only child, and continued to make it his place of residence until his removal to Sidell in 1899 that he might educate his children in the schools of that town. He is now the owner of three hundred and sixty-five acres of valuable land, for he has purchased various tracts from time to time as the occasion offered, and from his property he derives a substantial annual income.

On the 7th of January, 1883, John N. Cheney was married to Miss Cera G. Sconce, a daughter of William H. Sconce, now deceased and a native of Kentucky, whence he came to Vermilion county in pioneer times. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cheney have been born four children, of whom three are yet living; Lester G., who was married April 7, 1909, to Miss Lola McKee and is now living on the home farm; Treva D., who is a graduate of the high school of the class of 1907 and is now teaching in Sidell; and Celia Imo, who was graduated from the Sidell high school in 1910 and is now teaching her first school.

In his political views Mr. Cheney has ever been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. For fifteen years he served as a member of the school board and for four years was a member of the town council of Sidell, in which connection he exercised his official prerogatives in support of many measures and movements for the public good. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Cheney

is serving as trustee, and he also belongs to Sidell Camp, No. 405, M. W. A. His life has been one of industry and his unfaltering labor and intelligent management of his business affairs have brought him substantial and well merited success. Moreover his personal qualities insure him the high regard and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact.

JOHN HIGGINS HARRISON.

Among the wide-awake newspaper men of Illinois John Higgins Harrison, editor of the Commercial-News of Danville, occupies a prominent position. Having been thoroughly educated and trained for the work to which he is devoting his life, he is well prepared for its responsibilities, and the esteem in which he is held by his brethren of the press and the public generally indicates that he worthily occupies a high place in the journalism of the state.

He was born at Lebanon, Indiana, November 30, 1867, and is a son of Thomas H. and Araminta (Higgins) Harrison. The father was a newspaper man of Indiana and at the time of the Civil war served as surgeon of the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was quite prominent in politics in the state and served as president of the Indiana State Benevolent Boards for six years. The Harrison family has been traced back to the time of Oliver Cromwell in England, members of the family supporting Cromwell, and on the Restoration coming to this country, where the name has been known for about two hundred and fifty years, and representatives of the family are found in all the principal states of the Union.

The subject of this review received his early education in the common schools and was graduated from De Pauw University in 1890. He took a literary course and specialized in history, literature and political sciences with the view of devoting his attention to newspaper work. He learned the printer's trade during vacations and after his sophomore year in college acted as reporter on an Indianapolis paper. His first assignment in this capacity was to interview Benjamin Harrison, who was at that time a candidate for president of the United States. While our subject was still pursuing his studies his father sold the Lebanon (Ind.) Pioneer and bought the Michigan City (Ind.) Dispatch, giving his son a half-interest in the paper. The father having departed this life in 1890, our subject took charge of the paper, which he sold in 1891. He then went to Galena, Kansas, and was identified with lead and zinc mining for a short time. Returning to Chicago, he began working on newspapers there in 1891, continuing for three years and in the summer seasons acting as press agent for the race tracks. He made quite a success in the press agency business and in 1895-6 acted in that capacity for one of the big circuses, traveling all over the United States and Canada. He then became press agent for a theater in Indianapolis but resigned in December, 1897, and located in Danville, where he bought a half-interest in the Danville Commercial and became its business manager. Later he acquired a controlling interest and was editor of the paper until 1904, when he brought about the consolidation of the Com-

mercial and the News, since which time he has acted as editor of the Commercial-News. Having had an extensive experience both in contact with men and in various classes of newspaper work, Mr. Harrison has learned a great deal not found in books. He belongs to that class of editors who aim to build up instead of tearing down, and his interest is always in the direction of developing the resources of the region where the influence of his paper extends. As a writer he is clear, concise and convincing, never sacrificing truth for the sake of making an impression. It is hardly necessary to say that the influence of the paper over which he presides is constantly widening.

Reared a democrat, Mr. Harrison became a republican in 1896 and has since been a staunch adherent of that party. In December, 1904, he was appointed by Governor Yates as commissioner of the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, and still holds that position. He has made a special study of prison reform and management, and lectures upon those subjects. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order, of which he is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite member, is a Knight Templar, and a Shriner. He has for a number of years taken an active interest in the organization and was twice elected eminent commander of the Knights Templar, being at present sovereign prince of Princes of Jerusalem, in the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the First Methodist Episcopal church of Danville. His favorite study is history, and his greatest pleasure is found in travel. He has already been on four continents, in eighteen countries and among the people of ten languages. He declares his purpose, if allowed to live and to prosper, to visit every land on the globe, that he may supplement his reading with personal observation. Known as a scholarly gentleman and a thorough business man, Mr. Harrison has won success through years of earnest and conscientious endeavor and clearly belongs to that class of men who make a permanent impress for all that is most desirable on American life.

JOHN H. BOWEN.

John H. Bowen is busily engaged in the operation of his fine farm of two hundred and forty acres in Vance township, constituting one of the valuable farms of Vermilion county. His birth occurred in London, Madison county, Ohio, on the 23d of August, 1861, his parents being George and Eliza (Harrison) Bowen, who were likewise natives of the Buckeye state. In 1864 the father brought his family to this county, locating on a farm in Vance township on the Champaign county line. Later he removed to another farm but continued to reside in Vance township until called to his final rest in 1897 when in the seventy-fifth year of his age. He prospered in his undertakings as an agriculturist and accumulated two hundred and thirty acres of rich and productive land. The period of his residence here covered a third of a century and he was widely recognized as a most substantial and respected citizen. His widow, who yet survives, lives in Homer.

John H. Bowen was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the common schools. He remained at home, assisting his father in the work of the fields, until twenty-six years of age, when he went west to Nebraska, there residing for one year. Returning to Vermilion county, he was here married in February, 1889, and then located on the farm which has remained his place of abode continuously since. He first operated the place as a renter for four years and on the expiration of that period bought the farm, which comprises two hundred and forty acres of land in Vance township. Progressive in his ideas and employing modern methods in the cultivation of his fields, he has attained marked success and finds his efforts rewarded by a handsome income.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Bowen chose Miss Florence Salladay, of Vance township, a daughter of John Salladay, who is now deceased. Their children are four in number, namely: Grace, Alford, Harrison and Ralph, all at home.

Since age conferred upon the right of franchise Mr. Bowen has supported the men and measures of the republican party. The cause of education has ever found in him a stanch champion and he is now acting as a trustee of the school board. He is likewise a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. He has resided in this county throughout almost his entire life, and the fact that those who esteem him most are those who have known him from boyhood is an indication that his life record has ever been in harmony with the principles of honorable and upright manhood.

JOHN P. STOKES.

Among the successful men of the agricultural community in Vermilion county who have been called from earthly scenes but whose memory is fondly retained by those with whom they were associated was John P. Stokes, of Love township. He was a native of Ohio, where he was born January 25, 1823. He was the son of William and Anna Stokes, who were members of responsible pioneer families and who departed this life years ago. He grew up on the farm and received his education at the log schoolhouse, becoming acquainted with all the operations that were familiar to the farmers of those days and remaining in Ohio until he was thirty-two years of age.

Believing that more favorable opportunities were to be found in this state, Mr. Stokes came to Vermilion county in 1855 and in 1857 was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Jane Long, who was born in this county, July 8, 1836, and is a daughter of James B. and Sallie B. (Fulton) Long. Her parents were natives of Kentucky and came to Vermilion county in 1830 and were identified with its farming interests for many years. After his marriage Mr. Stokes located on a farm in Love township, consisting of sixty-one and one-half acres, which he developed and brought to a high state of cultivation. He became known as one of the energetic and progressive farmers of this region and was recognized as a man of high character and one whose life reflected credit not only upon his family but upon the entire community.

On March 8, 1882, Mr. Stokes was called from earthly cares, having then arrived at the age of fifty-nine years, one month and thirteen days. He was a resident of this county for twenty-seven years, and to him and his wife ten children were born, only one of whom is now living, Joseph C., who resides with his mother. Mrs. Stokes lives at the old homestead, and although she has been called upon to pass through many sorrows in the loss of her husband and nine children, she has nine grandchildren to brighten her life, and is sustained by a faith that sees through the mist of the present and rests on the enduring foundation of divine promise. She is a loyal and consistent member of the Presbyterian church and was for many years, in earlier life, an active worker in that organization. As one of the well known residents of this region, she has many friends and well wishers who admire her for her many noble qualities of mind and heart—qualities that always command respect and are a true index of the character of their possessor.

RICHARD CLIPSON.

Among those born on the other side of the Atlantic, but who, in the new world have found opportunities for advancement in business, is numbered Richard Clipson, whose birth occurred in London, England, on the 5th of December, 1852. He is a son of William and Matilda (Barker) Clipson, both natives of that country, who came to America in 1853 and here their remaining days were spent. The father purchased the farm in Vermilion county, Illinois, upon which his son Richard now resides, and here he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred on the 3d of July, 1861. His wife, however, survived until February 4, 1902, passing away at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. In their family were five children, of whom four are yet living. Of this number the daughter, Hattie, makes her home with her brother Richard; another son, Albert Clipson, with whom Richard is connected in business, was married in 1890 to Miss Ethlen Sanford, who was born in Vermilion county, a daughter of William H. and Rachel (Ogden) Sanford, both now deceased. She was one of a family of three children and by her marriage became the mother of four children, all of whom are yet at home. They are Homer, Lela, Russell and Pauline. The eldest son, Homer, is now attending high school.

Passing almost his entire life upon the farm which is yet his home, Richard Clipson is therefore indebted to the common schools of his district for the educational privileges enjoyed, and the period of his boyhood and youth was spent in the usual manner of farm lads of that time. When not occupied with his text-books he assisted in the work of the farm, and the success which he now enjoys is indicative of the thorough training and broad experience which he acquired under the direction of his father. Since entering business on his own account he has continued to reside upon the old homestead, in the operation of which he is associated with his brother Albert, and the excellent condition of the property is the result of their careful management and well directed efforts. They have made a close study of the subject of agriculture, have intro-

duced all of the modern machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and have followed up-to-date and progressive methods in the carrying on of their enterprise, and thus today are numbered among the most substantial farmers in Catlin township. An important feature of their farm is the raising and feeding of stock, in which they have engaged continuously since entering business together. They ship a large amount of stock annually, and this branch of their business is proving most remunerative. In fact, their prosperity during the intervening years has been such that they have been able to extend the boundaries of their realty holdings and are now the owners of twenty-three hundred and fifty acres of land, some of which is in Vermilion county but most of it is in Indiana. Thus they rank among the most extensive property owners in their section of the county. It is all rich and arable land and stands as a monument to their energy, industry and thrift.

Richard Clipson has never married but resides with his sister on the old homestead and like the other members of the family holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Catlin. He is identified with Catlin Lodge, No. 538, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled part of the chairs, and in politics gives his allegiance to the republican party. He has served as supervisor and also as school director, and in all matters of citizenship has ever been found loyal and public-spirited, his influence being cast upon the side of right, progress, reform and advancement. Aside from his agricultural interests he has become identified with financial affairs as one of the directors of the Commercial Trust & Savings Bank of Danville, Illinois, and is well known in the business circles of that city. Coming to this county when but a year old, almost his entire life has therefore been spent within its borders, his interests ever being closely identified with those of the county. During his residence in this community he has gained the unqualified respect and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact, for in all the relations of life his dealings with his fellow-men have been governed by principles that have at all times conformed to a high standard of manhood. Although his personal history has no exciting chapters, it yet contains many lessons concerning the value of character and the worth of industry and perseverance in business affairs of life, and his is a splendid example of the power and force of honorable manhood, of earnest effort and of high principle.

MARTIN HAYWARD.

Martin Hayward, the owner of a well improved and valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Elwood township, has won and merited a gratifying measure of success in the conduct of his agricultural interests. His birth occurred in Clark county, Ohio, on the 5th of May, 1836, his parents being Charles and E. E. (Vickers) Hayward, who were natives of Maryland and Ohio respectively. Their marriage was celebrated on the 23d of April, 1834, in Clark county, Ohio, where they resided until 1838. During the next two years they made their home in Morgan county, Indiana, and then removed to



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Warren county, Indiana, there continuing to reside throughout the remainder of their lives. At that place Charles Hayward voted for James G. Birney, the presidential candidate of the Liberty party, while later he became a republican, being among the earliest supporters of that party. He had strong prohibition tendencies and ever advocated the suppression of the liquor traffic. He was a self-educated, self-made man and as regards intelligence was rather above the average man of that day. His demise occurred on the 8th of March, 1892, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 2d of February, 1900. Their children were four in number, two of whom still survive, namely: Martin, of this review; and Celia, who is the widow of Frank Kirkpatrick and lives in Indiana.

Martin Hayward remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age and then took up farming and teaching in Warren county, Indiana, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits during the summer months and teaching school in the winter seasons. After having been thus busily engaged for a few years he abandoned educational interests and gave his time and energies exclusively to the work of the fields. In 1861 he left Warren county and came to Vermilion county, Illinois, here remaining for two years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Iroquois county, where he made his home for eight years. Returning to Vermilion county, he located on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Elwood township, the further cultivation and improvement of which has claimed his attention continuously since. The property returns to him a substantial income, which enables him to enjoy many of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life.

On the 13th of February, 1860, Mr. Hayward was joined in wedlock to Miss Marietta Hollingsworth, a daughter of John and Sarah (Hayworth) Hollingsworth, who were natives of Ohio and Tennessee respectively. Removing to Indiana, they lived in that state until called to their final rest, the father passing away in October, 1893, and the mother on the 15th of June, 1897. Mrs. Hayward has three living brothers, as follows: Calvin R., who makes his home in this county; William P., of Indianapolis; and James C., who is a resident of Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Hayward are the parents of four children. Lillian, the wife of John G. Baird of Vermilion county, is a graduate of the Vermilion Academy of this county and taught school for a short time prior to her marriage. John H., who is married and lives in Vermilion county, Indiana, obtained his education in Vermilion Academy and Earlham College, attending the latter institution for two years. Charles S., who is married and makes his home in Coles county, Illinois, is a graduate of Vermilion Academy and likewise attended Earlham College for two years. He is also a graduate of a veterinary college in Toronto, Canada. William C., who is married and lives in this county, likewise supplemented his early education by a course of study in Vermilion Academy. Martin Hayward has been married for a half century and the family circle has remained unbroken by the hand of death. He now has fifteen grandchildren.

When exercising his right of franchise Mr. Hayward supports the men and measures of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive

to good government. The honors and emoluments of office, however, have never had any attraction for him. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Friends church. His life has been a busy, industrious and useful one, and his relative worth is widely recognized by his fellow townsmen.

MALISA PATTERSON.

No record of Vermilion county would be complete without mention of the Patterson family—a family that has been actively identified with this county since early pioneer times and that has assisted nobly in the great work by which the land was made habitable and the present condition of general prosperity attained. When these brave pioneers crossed the Ohio river in search of a permanent home the region lying northward was largely virgin prairie or unbroken forest, the valleys along the streams being covered with trees and dense undergrowth, the Indian still roaming at will over the territory which had for centuries been the undisputed home of his forefathers. The emigrants did not arrive at their new homes in Pullman coaches. They came on foot and the more prosperous ones on horseback or in wagons, drawn by oxen or horses. They carried little baggage, for they were generally poor in this world's goods, as it was only occasionally that a family arrived which could claim to be in comfortable circumstances. The simple log houses were erected in the valleys or at the edge of the woods, as the early comers believed that the prairie would never be worth anything except for grazing. They labored assiduously, denied themselves many of the most common comforts of life and carefully saved the hard-earned dollars so as to pay for the land preempted from the government at one dollar and a quarter an acre, much of which is now worth one hundred and fifty to two hundred and fifty dollars per acre. As time passed the face of the country was changed and conditions improved and today Illinois is one of the wealthiest states of the Union and is the abiding place of several millions of people, as intelligent and prosperous as are to be found anywhere in the world.

Malisa Patterson, whose name appears at the head of this review, is a highly respected member of the Patterson family and is a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Canaday) Patterson, the former of whom came to Vermilion county from Tennessee with his parents in 1830, the latter being born in Vermilion county. Thomas Patterson was reared upon the pioneer farm where his father settled and as a boy assisted in clearing away the trees, planting the corn and caring for the live stock. He was educated in the log schoolhouse, which in many parts of the state was supplied with puncheon floor, clapboard roof, a great fireplace with stick and mud chimneys, the little group of pupils of both sexes ranging up to twenty years of age and presided over by a stern pedagogue whose prerogative to the position largely consisted of the ability to wield the hickory rod. However, the youthful mind could not be wholly suppressed even under such discouraging circumstances and many of the boys who began their training in the log schoolhouse under the most primitive conditions became leading men of the country and those who really showed the proper interest

and applied themselves as in the case of Thomas Patterson secured in some mysterious way a good common-school education.

After laying aside his books Mr. Patterson returned to his toil upon the farm with new zeal and later became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 25 and 36, Love township. Here he lived for many years, being known as one of the intelligent and successful agriculturists of the township, a man of noble impulses, wide sympathies and one who at all times was willing to make any personal sacrifice to advance the interest or happiness of his family. He was called from earthly scenes September 18, 1909, at the age of eighty-four years, his beloved wife having preceded him, dying August 15, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson were both consistent members of the Presbyterian church and he was affiliated with the old line whig party and later with the republican party, of which he was a stanch supporter. Ten children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, four of whom are now living: Isaac and Malisa, both of Vermilion county; Lilly, now Mrs. Fellers of this state; and Golden, living in Madison county, Indiana.

Malisa Patterson was reared on the old homestead and educated in the district schools, growing up under the favoring influences of a quiet and peaceable home. Under her mother she became acquainted with the details of household management, so that even before the departure of the mother the daughter assumed the place at the head of the domestic affairs, a position which she has since retained, her brother Isaac successfully managing the farm. He also operates one hundred and forty acres of land which he owns in Love and Elwood townships and thus conducts both farms. He has gained an enviable reputation as one of the ablest agriculturists in this part of the county and is growing more grain than any other man in Love township. The sister and brother are both unmarried and now in comfort and ease are enjoying the fruits of wisely directed effort. Miss Patterson is known in this region as a lady of many estimable qualities, a generous friend to those less fortunate than herself, gracious in her manners, kind, considerate and it is scarcely necessary to add that she is held in high regard by the entire community. In religious belief she and her brother accept the Bible as the inspired word. They are both members of the Presbyterian church, active in the promotion of any good work and always aim to be found on the side of right.

GEORGE WILLIAM FREDERICK CHURCH.

For twenty-three years George W. F. Church has made his home in Danville and through six decades has been a resident of Vermilion county, so that its history is largely familiar to him. With the work of agricultural development he has been closely associated and in other ways has lent his aid and influence for the progress of the county. He was born in London, England, April 19, 1830, but has resided in America since May, 1848, at which time he landed in New York. For a year and four months he worked upon a farm in the east and came to Vermilion county, where he has since made his home.

His father, George Zephaniah Church, was born in England about the year 1800 and died there about thirty-four years ago. He was chief clerk in one of the branches of the Bank of England. His wife bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Lydia Draper. Since her son George W. F. Church came to America she has sent to him the coat of arms of the Draper family and also a miniature of his great-grandmother, painted on ivory. It was made between the years 1760 and 1775 and represents a graceful lady, clothed after the fashion of that period. In the family of George Z. and Elizabeth L. (Draper) Church there were five sons and three daughters. Albert, who married Emily Jones and had ten children, died in Catlin, this county, two years ago. Adolphus Bellingham wedded Fannie Bentley and is living in Catlin. Adeline is the widow of Francesco De Perura and lives in Brazil, South America. Emma Maria is the wife of Edward Beedel and Alice Augusta is living in England. The second and fourth members of the family are deceased and the other member of the father's household is the subject of this review.

George W. F. Church supplemented his early education by study in the East Islington Commercial College. He was eighteen years of age when he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, attracted by the broader business opportunities which he had heard were to be obtained on this side of the Atlantic. Upon coming to Vermilion county in 1849 he purchased a tract of prairie land and began farming.

In the same year he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Jones, a daughter of Henry Jones, and unto them were born eight children, two of whom passed away in infancy. Elizabeth Sarah, the oldest, is the wife of Richard Puzey and has six children. Henry George married Lola Douglas and has four children. Minnie Louise is the wife of Payton Douglas and has one living child. Ernest Augustus married Anna Frazier and has one child. Maud Isabel is the wife of Marsh Brady and has four living children. Ethel Florence is the wife of Harry Walz and has one child. The mother of these children passed away in 1886 and in 1888 Mr. Church was married to Edwina M. Church, who though of the same name was not a relative. Her father, John A. Church, was a farmer and for many years served as assessor and collector of Catlin township, Vermilion county. Her mother bore the maiden name of Mary Love and by her marriage had two children: Edwina M., now the wife of our subject; and Clara, the wife of N. Milton Payne. By the second marriage of Mr. Church there has been born one child, Edith Alice Mary, who was born June 28, 1889.

In his political views Mr. Church has long been a stalwart republican. He has been identified with the Masonic fraternity since 1858 and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. He is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres in Catlin township and has also made judicious investment in town property, owning several pieces of real estate in Danville, including the residence which he now occupies at No. 106 South Hazel street. He has lived here since 1887 and is one of the worthy residents of the city, having a large circle of warm friends here. He has never regretted his determination to seek his fortune on this side the Atlantic, for here he has

found and improved good opportunities, successfully carrying on agricultural interests for many years and at length accumulating the property that now enables him to live retired and yet enjoy all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. He has always been thoroughly loyal to the land of his adoption, his record proving that the accident of birth does not determine the value of citizenship.

J. F. COOKE.

J. F. Cooke, who was one of the leading farmers of Love township, and who departed this life nearly four years ago, will be remembered as an energetic and capable man of good appearance, the head of a large and promising family to which he was a loving guide and protector. He was also known as a citizen who contributed according to his ability in forwarding the best interests of this region. He was a native of Vermilion county, Indiana, born October 25, 1859, and was a son of Joseph C. and M. J. (Dallas) Cooke, both of whom were natives of Virginia and descendants of southern families. The father has passed to his reward but the mother still lives in Ridge Farm and is now the wife of Jacob L. Thomas. In the Cooke family were twelve children, four of whom are now living.

J. F. Cooke was reared upon a farm and educated in the public schools, being trained under his father in the various operations of agriculture and stock-raising. He proved a willing pupil and as a young man was ambitious and energetic and gave unusual promise of a useful career. It was in 1879 that he took up his residence in Vermilion county, Illinois. At nineteen years of age he was married and removed upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres presented him by his father. There he lived for one year, at the end of which time he sold the farm and purchased another which embraces two hundred and forty-two acres and has since been in possession of the family. Mr. Cooke was very successful in his farming operations and by careful attention to his calling, increased the productiveness of the place and made it one of the valuable properties in his part of the county. He was always an advocate of the principles of the democratic party and although he was never an aspirant for public office, he occupied several positions of responsibility as a township officer, discharging his duties with the same honesty and efficiency that he displayed in his own private affairs. He held membership in the Modern Woodmen of America; the Court of Honor; and the Tribe of Ben Hur, being greatly esteemed by his brethren of these organizations. On May 12, 1907, Mr. Cooke was called from earthly scenes, at the age of forty-seven years, six months and eighteen days, and his body was deposited by loving hands in its last resting place in Bethel cemetery. His departure in the height of a useful life was the occasion of sincere regret, as he had many friends who were acquainted with his noble qualities.

In 1878 Mr. Cooke was united in marriage to Miss Drusilla P. Campbell, a native of this county, who was born May 23, 1862. She is a daughter of

James and Eglantine (Scott) Campbell, both natives of Vermilion county. The father was one of the well known farmers of eastern Illinois and in his later years he removed to Missouri, where he died in 1870. Mrs. Campbell is still living and has arrived at the venerable age of seventy-nine years and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Cooke, where she receives every attention that can be bestowed by those who love and respect her for her long life of unselfishness. She is the mother of nine children, six of whom are now living. To Mr. and Mrs. Cooke eight children were born: Nettie P., the wife of Arthur Jones, of Ridge Farm; Roy F., of Indianapolis; May D., the wife of Burke Hughes, of Missouri; Bertie C., of Vermilion county; Blanche C., who is living at home and is a music teacher; Harley D., of Indianapolis; and Laura B. and Glenn L., both at home.

Mrs. Cooke since the death of her husband has had charge of the farm, which is a large responsibility for a woman, and by her wise management has contributed to the comfort and welfare of her children, showing a business ability that is very much to her credit. She has for many years held membership in the Presbyterian church and has in a high degree the respect and confidence not only of many friends in this immediate region but of acquaintances throughout a wide district.

J. A. KENDALL.

J. A. Kendall, a well known farmer and business man and a respected citizen of Love township, was born in this county, June 16, 1869. He is a son of Jacob M. and Catherine (Campbell) Kendall, the former a native of Greene county, Ohio, and the latter of east Tennessee. The parents came to Vermilion county in the pioneer days and the father here engaged in farming and became quite an extensive landowner. He departed this life in 1901 and his estimable companion was called away in 1903. They were the parents of six children: John M. and Joseph C., both residents of Ridge Farm, this county; J. A.; the subject of our review; Enos C.; Iva M.; and Jennie, deceased.

Educated in the public schools and also in the high school, J. A. Kendall was reared in the parental home and early became acquainted with all of the duties of the farm. He continued at home until he was twenty-two years of age and then, having taken unto himself a life companion, he removed to Humerick, this county, and entered mercantile business. After some years he disposed of his interests there and went to Hume, Illinois, where for one year he conducted a general store. Selling out, he took up his residence at Dana, Indiana, where for five years he engaged in the grocery and queensware business, and was then associated with the Gilbert & Mattock Company in the grain business, in which he continued for four years. After two years' retirement from mercantile pursuits he became connected with the National Elevator Company and still continues with that organization. Although he has for many years engaged in various lines of business, he is the owner of a farm of one hundred and forty acres in Love township, which is improved with a well built residence and is provided with all the conveniences of a modern farm.

In 1891 Mr. Kendall was married to Miss Zula Southern, who was born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1869, a daughter of John H. and Eliza A. (Royce) Southern. Her father was a native of England and the mother of Ohio. He was a brick-mason by trade and came to Vermilion county in 1872. Mrs. Southern was called away in 1892 and her husband departed this life three years later. The wife of our subject was their only child and she is the mother of three children: June R., who was born January 5, 1894, and is now a student of the high school at Ridge Farm; Herbert W., born October 24, 1899; and Graydon L., born June 13, 1905.

Mr. Kendall has been for many years an ardent supporter of the democratic party and for four years served as postmaster at Humrick. He is a valued member of Lodge No. 632, A. F. & A. M., of Ridge Farm. His wife, who is a high-school graduate and has all her life been an earnest advocate of education, is an intelligent and worthy helpmeet of her husband, to whom she has been an unfailing source of comfort and happiness. Mr. Kendall has many friends in the county where he has spent all his life and where he has been known to be active, energetic and capable in his various enterprises and worthy of any trust reposed in him. By a useful and honorable career he has established a reputation for integrity which is of inestimable value to any man and is worth vastly more than wealth gained through questionable means.

WILLIAM L. SPEAR.

William L. Spear, the efficient postmaster of Rankin, to which position he was appointed on the 9th of January, 1909, was born in Chester, Randolph county, Illinois, on the 7th of September, 1843. His parents, Lewis P. and Lurene S. (Stowe) Spear, were natives of Ohio and Alabama respectively. Their marriage was celebrated at Chester, Illinois. The father passed away at Bloomington in June, 1893, while the mother was called to her final rest on the 25th of September, 1907, her demise occurring at Springfield. Unto them were born three daughters and six sons, the record of whom is as follows: Permelia, who passed away on the 27th of September, 1847; William L., of this review; Harvey V., a resident of Coffeyville, Kansas; Stephen L., who makes his home in Springfield, Illinois; Charles E., a practicing attorney of Albion, Nebraska; Walter E., who passed away leaving a widow and one child; Catharine, who died in infancy; John S., who has been connected with the Indian service for many years and is now stationed at Fort Lewis, Colorado; and Catharine, the wife of Harry S. Hadfield, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

William L. Spear was largely reared in the city of Alton and when a youth of sixteen removed with his parents to a farm in Greene county, where he remained until the time of his enlistment for service in the Union army, joining Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, on the 8th of August, 1862. He continued with that command for three years and participated in all the engagements of his regiment, including those at Parker's crossroads, Tennessee; Paducah, Kentucky; Tupelo, Mississippi; Nash-

ville, Tennessee; Mobile, Alabama; and the siege and capture of Fort Blakely. After returning from the war he became identified with educational interests and successfully taught school for many years, following that profession in Greene, Jersey and Macoupin counties of Illinois until 1891. In that year he located on a farm of eighty acres west of Rankin, Vermilion county, devoting his attention to its operation until 1901, when he disposed of the property and took up his abode in Rankin, where he has resided to the present time. On the 9th of January, 1909, he was appointed postmaster of the town and his promptness and fidelity in the execution of every duty have made his a creditable record in this connection.

On the 7th of April, 1870, Mr. Spear was united in marriage to Miss Frances Dews, whose birth occurred in Yorkshire, England, on the 11th of June, 1844, and who came to Illinois with her parents when a little maiden of six years. Prior to her marriage she followed the profession of school teaching. She became the mother of four children, namely: Harry George, who is superintendent of schools at Greenup, Cumberland county; Lurene C., the wife of John M. Griffith, of Danville; William F., who is employed as bookkeeper in the bank at Fithian, Illinois; and Mina E., at home.

Mr. Spear is a republican in politics and has capably served as justice of the peace for eight years, while for two years he was a member of the village board and for three years acted as township collector. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the G. A. R. In 1865 he became identified with the Masonic fraternity and throughout all the intervening years has been a worthy exemplar of the craft. His life has ever been upright and honorable, his actions manly and sincere, and as the years have gone by he has proven his right to be classed with the leading and representative residents of Rankin and Vermilion county.

PARIS J. PUGH.

One of the enterprising agriculturists of Love township is Paris J. Pugh. He is a native of this county and has passed his entire life here and is known as one of the substantial citizens, whose good fortune is due to honestly directed effort. He was born October 30, 1862, and is a son of Granville and Lydia (Thompson) Pugh. The father was a native of Ohio and came to Illinois as a lad of six years in 1830, continuing in this state during the remainder of his life, with the exception of one year's residence in Iowa. He was a successful farmer and stock-raiser. Politically he was affiliated with the republican party and in religious belief was identified with the Friends church. He died April 28, 1898, his departure causing general regret, as he was a man of very high character and had made many friends. The mother is a native of Indiana and is now living in the seventy-fifth year of her age, making her home at Ridge Farm. She was the mother of eight children, seven of whom are now living.

The subject of this review was reared at the parental home and was given the advantages of education in the public schools, working upon the farm during

his boyhood and until he reached the age of maturity. By this time he had gained a thorough knowledge of farm operations and had shown an energy and ability in his work which indicated a successful career as an agriculturist and stock-raiser. Like all ambitious young men, he desired to become independent and in order to attain this position, which is one of the most worthy aspirations that can occupy the mind of any young man, he rented a farm, which he conducted for three years. At the end of this time he purchased the farm where he has since lived and which consists of one hundred and twenty-five acres in section 31. This property he has brought to a fine state of cultivation. The house, barn and buildings are all in excellent condition and the farm is thoroughly modern in every particular.

On February 27, 1887, Mr. Pugh was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Hiberly, a native of Newport, Indiana, and a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Menges) Hiberly. The father was born in Germany and the mother in Ohio, the latter having departed this life October 24, 1906. Mr. Hiberly makes his home in the state of Washington. Mrs. Pugh is one of a family of nine children born to her parents, four of whom are now living. To Mr. and Mrs. Pugh four children have been born: Mary A., now the wife of Ernest V. Foltz, of St. Bernice, Vermilion county, Indiana; Granville F., now living in Idaho; Joseph M., living at home; and an infant deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugh are members of the Presbyterian church and by attention to their duties and interest in the general welfare have made many friends in this region. Whatever property Mr. Pugh has acquired he has earned through his energy and wise management. He began with a laudable ambition, which has never deserted him, and by patience and close application he has accomplished one of the important objects of life—the possession of a comfortable home and the knowledge that if he so desires he can live at ease for the remainder of his days.

CHAUNCEY N. TRIMBLE.

It is pleasing to know that there are successful farmers in Illinois who were born on the farms where they now live and have followed in the good work established by their fathers, today being recognized as among the most enterprising and capable agriculturists and stock-raisers in the state. By remaining upon the farm they have retained that independence, which is one of the greatest blessings of life and which, after all, is one of the prime objects of our existence—as many learn after years of struggle against adverse conditions.

Among the number briefly referred to above is Chauncey M. Trimble, of Sidell township, Vermilion county. He was born March 30, 1866, and is a son of Matthew and Lydia (Harvey) Trimble, the former a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father came to Vermilion county in the summer of 1863, driving from Ohio a herd of seven hundred sheep and during the entire trip having for his assistants a boy and a dog.

Here he herded the sheep for two years and from this herd received his first start, becoming ultimately one of the leading farmers in his region. He lived upon his well conducted farm of one hundred and twenty acres until 1893, when he retired and removed to Sidell, where he now resides, at the age of eighty-five years. Mrs. Trimble, who was a woman of fine mental capacity and a model wife and mother, departed this life April 30, 1907. She was the second wife of Mr. Trimble and was married to him in 1864, being at the time a widow. Her first husband was Oliver W. Harvey, who died in the Civil war and left two children, Jane and Charles W. By her second marriage Mrs. Trimble was the mother of two children, Chauncey N., our subject, and Lucy, who became the wife of Elmer Hite, of Kansas. The first wife of Mr. Trimble was Cassandria Pigman, to whom he was united in Ohio, and who died in 1862. For many years Mr. Trimble, the father of the subject of this review, engaged extensively in dealing in live-stock and was regarded as one of the best buyers in central Illinois. He took a great interest in education and his children were given the best advantages of the common schools. Originally a republican, he changed his views upon mature consideration and for some years past has advocated the principles of the democratic party. He has served in various local positions of public responsibility, but he never aspired to political honors, as his attention during his entire active career was almost wholly taken up with the duties of the farm.

Chauncey N. Trimble was reared on the farm and as he grew up became intimately connected with all the duties pertaining to a well regulated farming establishment. At twenty-one years of age he began for himself, taking charge of forty acres of land on the home place. After this he began renting land in the neighborhood and for twelve or fourteen years had charge of as many as three hundred acres yearly and was very successful in his work. After the retirement of his father Mr. Trimble purchased eighty acres of the home farm and in 1909 he bought the remaining forty acres, also still continuing upon a large scale as a renter of land in this region. In his various operations he has shown a diligence and good judgment that are so essential in all successful business affairs.

On January 4, 1893, Mr. Trimble was united in marriage to Miss Effie Bales, of Carmel, Indiana, and of this union six children have been born: Dana, Lena, Russell C., Raymond L., Glen R. and Lois E., all of whom are living at home. Mr. Trimble is a democrat in his political tendencies and for three years occupied the office of road commissioner in this district. For twenty-three years past he has held membership in Sidell Lodge, No. 225, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is also a member of Sidell Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Trimble is in an important degree a self-made man, having depended very largely upon himself ever since he began his active career, making his own way and discharging his obligations as he went along, and asking no special favors of anyone. He believes that every individual has within himself the power of accomplishing any reasonable thing, provided he will apply the necessary energy

and common sense and Mr. Trimble has demonstrated this to be true. By his straightforward course he has gained the respect of his neighbors and all who have had business relations with him, and he is today one of the honored and representative men of Vermilion county whose word is as good as any man's bond, even though the bond be "signed, sealed and delivered."

HIRAM B. SAVAGE.

Those who know aught of Hiram B. Savage speak of him only in terms of respect and esteem, not more because of the capable management which he has displayed in the conduct of his agricultural pursuits than the upright and honorable principles which have ever governed his life. Born in Carter county, Kentucky, on the 20th of December, 1841, he is a son of James and Martha (Jordan) Savage, both natives of Kentucky where they were reared and married. In 1854 the family arrived in Illinois, locating in Edgar county where they remained for two years, after which they came to Vermilion county, taking up their abode on the Redmond farm in Vance township, and although subsequent removals were made, the parents continued to reside within the borders of this township until the time of their death, the father passing away on the 24th of September, 1884, at the age of seventy-seven years, and the mother in 1895, after she had passed her eighty-fourth year.

Hiram B. Savage was a lad of thirteen years when his parents left the old Kentucky home and came to Illinois, and his education, which had been begun in the Blue Grass state, was completed in the common schools of this state. His educational training, however, was of necessity meager, for at an early day he was assigned those tasks which usually fall to the lot of the country lad, and his time was fully occupied from early spring planting until the harvests were gathered in the late autumn. Thus only for a short period during the winter months, when the work of the farm was suspended, was he able to attend the schools near his home, but he made the best of the opportunities which were his and later supplemented the knowledge thus acquired by broad outside reading. He remained under the parental roof until 1864, when he embarked in business on his own account, operating a farm in the capacity of renter for two years. In 1866, he purchased his first property, becoming the owner of forty acres of land in Vance township, which he operated while boarding at home with his parents. In 1872 he bought another forty-acre tract near his original purchase and, as the place was equipped with farm buildings took up his abode thereon and continued to operate both farms. Five years later he again added to his holdings, becoming the owner of eighty-one acres lying across the road from his home place, and in 1892 moved to his present farm, which he acquired by purchase in that year. It consists of one hundred and twenty acres of land on sections 11 and 12, Vance township, and here he has carried on agricultural pursuits for the past eighteen years. Recognizing the fact that he could find no better investment for his money than Illinois farm land, he continued to add to his holdings from time to time as he prospered, and in 1904 purchased eighty-one acres in Catlin town-

ship and a year later invested in one hundred and twenty acres adjoining his homestead. He also owns fifteen acres of good timber land, and altogether is the possessor of four hundred and fifty-two acres of rich land in Vermilion county, constituting him one of the large land owners of his section. He has given his attention entirely to general farming and his efforts therein have been most successful. He practices rotation of crops, makes a careful study of soil and climatic conditions and his untiring industry, his well directed labors and his progressive methods are being crowned with results that are most satisfactory and gratifying.

Mr. Savage laid the foundation for a happy home life of his own in his marriage, in 1874, to Miss Sarah Clester, of Vance township, who was born near St. Joe, Illinois. Unto this union have been born four children: Cora E., residing at home; Emma E., the wife of Walter S. White, of Homer, Illinois; Herman Roy, a farmer of Vance township; and Hiram Bolar, Jr., operating the home farm.

A staunch democrat in his political belief to the extent of casting his vote in support of the candidates of that party, Mr. Savage has never, however, desired nor sought public office as a reward for party fealty, preferring that his duties of citizenship should be performed in a private capacity. He is, nevertheless, deeply interested in all those things which have to do with the public life of the community and is a strong advocate of measures which have a bearing upon the upbuilding and improvement of Vermilion county. Although he has reached the sixty-ninth year of life's journey he is still active in the world's work, and the position which he occupies in the esteem and regard of his fellow-men speaks for a life of honorable endeavor and high principle.

GUY E. ALBERT.

Guy E. Albert is the proprietor of a general mercantile store at No. 218 Logan avenue in Danville, one of the leading establishments of its kind in the city. His birth occurred in Blount township, Vermilion county, Illinois, on the 6th of September, 1868, his parents being Samuel and Hulda A. (Hilleary) Albert. The first representatives of the Albert family in this country came from Germany and settled in Pennsylvania, whence they afterward removed to Ohio. The maternal ancestors of our subject were also natives of Germany, coming from the fatherland to New Jersey and later taking up their abode in the Buckeye state. Samuel Albert, the father of Guy E. Albert, was born in Ohio in 1833 and accompanied his parents on their removal to this county. Here the grandfather devoted his attention to the pursuits of farming and stock-raising and Samuel Albert likewise gave his time and energies to agricultural interests throughout his active business career. His demise, which occurred on the 26th of February, 1885, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had won an extensive circle of friends during the many years of his residence in this county. His wife was called to her final rest on the 27th of January, 1886. Unto them were born four sons and one daughter, as follows:

Guy E., of this review; Henry M., who follows farming on the old home place; George, who passed away October 25, 1857; John, who died in infancy, and Sarah J., who died February 23, 1881.

Guy E. Albert obtained his early education in the district schools of his native township and continued his studies until he had attained the age of eighteen. Following the death of his mother he continued the management of the home farm in association with his brother, Henry M., for a period of four years. At the end of that time he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, being a partner in the establishment of a general store at Snyder, Vermilion county, in the conduct of which he was actively engaged for three years. Feeling, however, that the life of the farm was more beneficial and congenial to him, he disposed of his mercantile interests and once more became a tiller of the soil. His next removal was to Danville, where for several years he worked in some of the leading stores. In 1905 he embarked in business on his own account, opening a general mercantile establishment at No. 703 West Madison street. At the end of a year his trade had increased to such an extent that larger quarters were necessary and he therefore came to his present location at No. 218 Logan avenue. The number of his patrons, including many of Danville's leading citizens, is continually growing, owing to his straightforward and reliable business dealings and his earnest desire to give satisfaction.

On the 22d of November, 1893, Mr. Albert was united in marriage to Miss Daisy W. Fairchild, a daughter of Francis M. and Ina Fairchild, who for many years were representatives and respected residents of this county. The father was extensively and successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. Mr. and Mrs. Albert have a daughter, Ina H., whose birth occurred in Blount township in 1894.

In his political views Mr. Albert was originally a democrat but for many years he has supported and advocated the principles of the prohibition party, believing that the liquor traffic is one of the worst evils with which our country has to contend. During the years 1895 and 1896 he served as town clerk of Blount township. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lincoln Methodist Episcopal church. He enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance in the county where his entire life has been spent and has long been numbered among its most substantial and esteemed citizens.

JOHN MARSHALL BOYLE.

John Marshall Boyle, who is now successfully engaged in the practice of law in partnership with Ray F. Barnett in Danville, is one of Illinois' native sons, his birth occurring in Roberts, September 20, 1879. His father, John Boyle, was born near La Salle, Illinois, and is of Irish descent, his parents having come to America from the Emerald isle and settled in La Salle county, this state. Throughout life he has followed farming and also engaged in business as a dealer of live stock. He now makes his home in Vermilion, but his wife, who bore the maiden name of Anna Plunkett, died on the 30th of May, 1909.

Her parents were also of Irish origin and on coming to the United States settled in New Jersey where her birth occurred.

John Marshall Boyle began his education in the public schools of Roberts, Illinois, where he remained a student until 1895. He then secured a position in the postoffice at that place and continued in the government service until the 1st of September, 1899, when he entered the University of Illinois Academy, where he continued his studies for a year and a half. He next entered the College of Literature and Arts and was graduated from the law department of the University of Illinois in 1906. For one year he was editor of the college paper and was in charge of the postoffice at the university, thus working his way through college. He started by reading proof on the college paper and for a time worked in a restaurant at night, doing anything that would aid him in securing an education. He often rose in the morning at six o'clock and continued his work and study until midnight. After his graduation he was appointed city editor of the Champaign Daily News, which position he filled from 1906 until September, 1907, and then came to Danville, securing a position in the states attorney's office, which he still fills. In December, 1908, however, he formed a partnership with Ray F. Barnett and they have since engaged in the general practice of law, meeting with very gratifying success. In connection with their legal business the firm also represents the Northern Life Insurance Company in the eastern district of Illinois. They are wide-awake, energetic young men and undoubtedly have a brilliant future before them.

In his religious faith Mr. Boyle is a Roman Catholic and he is prominently identified with several fraternal organizations, being a member of the Elks, the Eagles, the Knights of Columbus and Northcott Camp of Modern Woodmen of America. He is also identified with the Mutual Protective League, of which he was president in 1909, resigning on account of the sickness and subsequent death of his mother. The republican party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles and he takes a very active and commendable part in political affairs. He is also a member of the Vermilion County Bar Association, and, although a young man, he has made an excellent record during the period of his active connection with the profession and his ambition, diligence and fidelity to his clients' interests will undoubtedly bring to him increased success as the years go by. He is careful and thorough in the preparation of his cases and his careful analysis combined with logical deductions has constituted him one of the strong members of the Danville bar.

ASBURY B. DUNCAN.

The name of Asbury B. Duncan has long been associated with the mercantile interests of Danville, although he is now living a retired life. Moreover, he is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of the county, his birth having occurred near Potomac in 1855. He was educated in the common schools of this county while spending his boyhood days under the parental roof and he early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for

the crops. As he neared his majority he wisely chose, as a foundation for his success, the occupation to which he was reared and followed farming until about twenty years ago, when he turned his attention to the hardware and implement business. He still has agricultural interests in both Vermilion county and in Indiana and derives therefrom a gratifying and substantial income, their management indicating his sound business judgment and enterprise.

In 1880 Mr. Duncan was united in marriage to Miss Alice N. Price, a daughter of William H. Price, who was born in Pike county, Ohio, July 4, 1827. In December, 1830, he became a resident of Vermilion county, Illinois, and through many years remained one of its honored citizens as well as worthy pioneer settlers. Robert G. Price, the grandfather of Mrs. Duncan, was born in Kentucky, July 27, 1788, and espoused the American cause at the time of the second war with England, taking part in active military duty under Gen. William Henry Harrison. In early manhood he went to Pike county, Ohio, where he married Nancy Howard, who was born in that state February 27, 1793. He followed farming in Pike county until 1830 and then brought his family to Vermilion county, Illinois, where he secured a claim of eighty acres of government land near Danville. Cutting away the trees, he at length turned the furrows and developed the fields, which in due course of time brought him good harvests. He died in January, 1856, his wife having passed away about 1844.

William H. Price was the youngest of his five children. He was reared on the old home farm near Danville to the age of sixteen years and he began earning his own living by working as a farm hand by the day and month. The first land which he ever owned he entered from the government about 1845, securing two hundred and forty acres in Pilot township. With characteristic energy he developed that property and resided thereon until 1891, when he changed his place of abode but did not sell the farm. Additional purchases from time to time had made him the owner of twelve hundred acres, all in one section of the county. He made substantial improvements upon the home place, which was lacking in none of the equipments and accessories of a model farm. He was married January 30, 1850, to Mary J. Cazott, who was born July 4, 1833, in Vermilion county, a daughter of Henry Cazott, formerly of Kentucky. She died in 1891, after which Mr. Price lived with a daughter in Danville for a year or two. He was married September 5, 1892, to Mrs. Sarah J. Ellsworth. By his first marriage Mr. Price had six children. Jerusha J., born in 1851, became the wife of Henry Helmick, who died in 1894 leaving two sons, Charles E. and William Helmick; Lloyd H., born December 2, 1852, wedded Mary Snyder in 1876 and is living at Nevada, Missouri; Emma B., born in 1854, died in infancy; Emily M., born March 2, 1855, was married in 1878 to Guy C. Howard, of Armstrong, Illinois; Charles R., born January 30, 1857, was married in 1884 to Della Hatfield, and with their three children, Everett L., Elsie and Lola Marian, they reside in Pilot township; Alice N., born May 2, 1859, is now Mrs. Duncan. By her marriage she became the mother of three children, but two died in infancy and the daughter, Lola, passed away in 1905, at the age of seventeen years.

In his political views Mr. Duncan has ever been a republican, never faltering in his allegiance to the party, for he believes that its principles are most con-

ducive to good government. His fraternal relations are with the Odd Fellows and the Elks and his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Methodist church. He continued actively in business until 1905, when he retired from merchandising. He is still financially interested in the American Bank & Trust Company and in farming properties, but otherwise has no business cares. His rest is well merited and his success is the visible evidence of his diligence and well directed energy in former years.

ISAAC ROWAND.

For thirty years Isaac Rowand has occupied his present home situated in the midst of an excellent farm in Sidell township. He was born in Clark county, Ohio, January 12, 1855, and is a son of Edward and Margaret (Smith) Rowand, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ireland, whence she came to this country in her childhood days, being one of six children who made the voyage and settled in Clark county, Ohio, where she afterward gave her hand in marriage to Edward Rowand, becoming his second wife. When a young man he had removed from the Old Dominion to Clark county and had there married. There were six children born of his first marriage and following the death of the mother Mr. Rowand wedded Margaret Smith. They, too, had six children.

Removing to Illinois at an early period in the development of the state, Edward Rowand first settled near Paris in Edgar county but afterward returned to Ohio. Once more he came to Illinois and again returned to Ohio, his death occurring in the latter state about 1862. It was in 1855 that he purchased the farm upon which his son Isaac now resides, becoming the owner at that time of between thirteen and fourteen hundred acres of land. He was also an extensive dealer in cattle which he drove from Illinois to the Ohio markets. He also drove mules to the St. Louis market and as a stock-dealer won substantial success. His investments in property made him the owner of twenty-three hundred acres of land in Vermilion and Edgar counties at the time of his demise and he had given to the children of his first marriage about one thousand acres of land in Ohio. Something of the splendid success which he attained may be understood from the fact that when he arrived in Ohio as a young man his possessions consisted of a horse, saddle and bridle and fifty dollars in money. In business matters his judgment was particularly sound. He was seldom if ever at fault in his opinions concerning the value of a business situation or proposition and he so directed his energies and placed his investments that his labors were crowned with splendid financial returns. His second wife died in 1904.

Isaac Rowand spent his youthful days in his parents' home and in the common schools acquired his education. Through the vacation periods he assisted in the work of the home farm, where he remained up to the time of his marriage in 1879. He then located on a portion of the home farm which had come to him through inheritance and two years later he erected his present residence, which he has occupied for the past thirty years. Laudable ambition has prompted



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him to extend his holdings and he is now the owner of seven hundred acres of very valuable land in Vermilion county. His patrimony comprised two hundred acres, since which time he has purchased five hundred acres additional and like his father he has been very successful in all of his business interests. His holdings include eighty acres adjoining Sidell, four hundred acres in the home place, three hundred acres just across the road from his home, eighty acres three miles south, and in connection with his wife he owns forty acres in Carroll township.

In 1879 Mr. Rowand was united in marriage to Miss Ida J. Patterson of Carroll township and unto them have been born six children; Kile E., a resident of Jamaica township; Minnie J., deceased; Isaac Wilbur, living in Sidell township; Anna M., Mary Corrinne and Elmo, all at home.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and are highly esteemed in the community where they have long resided, their many good qualities of heart and mind gaining them the warm regard and friendship of those who know them. Mr. Rowand is a democrat in his political views, has served as road commissioner and is a member of the school board. His generous and helpful cooperation are given to many projects for the upbuilding and improvement of the community and thus he ranks among the valued and progressive citizens as well as the enterprising and prosperous farmers.

CHARLES LA GRANGE.

Charles La Grange, who was a soldier of the Civil war and has followed principally the carpenter's trade, was born in New York state, January 10, 1846. He is a son of John and Eliza (Elster) La Grange, also natives of New York. Several generations of the family have lived in this country, the great-grandfather of our subject coming from France about the year 1685 and locating in New Jersey, from which state members of the family have gone forth to various parts of the Union. To John and Eliza La Grange eight children were born: Casper, who enlisted in Company G, Tenth New York Cavalry, and was last heard from at Bell Isle, Virginia; Cornelia, who died in Iowa; Mary, the wife of G. R. Eldridge, of New York state; Byron, of Kansas City, Kansas; Moses, who served in the Civil war as a member of the Fiftieth New York Engineers and is now living in New York state; Eliza, now Mrs. Charles Hurt, of Binghamton, New York; Charles, our subject; and Emma, deceased.

Charles La Grange grew up upon his father's farm, which the head of the family had developed from its wild state, and was educated in the common schools. As he was passing from boyhood the Civil war absorbed the interest of the entire country and no sooner had he arrived at an eligible age than he offered himself for service and was accepted January 1, 1864. After having served in the construction department of the engineering corps he was enrolled in Company I, Fiftieth New York Engineers, in which company he continued until the close of the war, serving on detail at the rendezvous in Elmira, New York, under General B. F. Tracy. On receiving his honorable discharge he returned to his old

home and after a short visit went west to Humboldt county, Iowa, where he purchased a two-hundred acre farm, upon which he lived for two years. Selling his farm, he again visited his early home and then spent one year in Fountain county, Indiana. Not entirely satisfied with his location, he came to Vermilion county, Illinois, in the latter part of 1868, where he has since engaged principally in carpenter work, although for five years he was in railway service, first as agent for a road and later as passenger conductor on the Cleveland & Marietta Railroad. However, for twenty-eight years past he has made his headquarters at Potomac, where he owns a fine residence and one acre of ground. He is also the owner of five acres of land in the city of Danville.

In 1867 Mr. La Grange was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Layton, of New York state, and by this union one son, Frank, was born, but is now deceased. Having lost his wife in 1875, Mr. La Grange was married, in 1876, to Miss M. A. Copeland, of Vermilion county, a daughter of David and Mary (Ford) Copeland, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of this county. Mr. Copeland came to Vermilion county in 1840 and entered land here and built a log cabin, where he lived for several years. Both he and his wife are now deceased. They were the parents of eight children, five of whom are still living. Mrs. La Grange is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. La Grange early in his career taught school for several years and has always been an intelligent reader of good literature and a close observer. He is affiliated with the republican party and has served with general acceptance in several township offices. For many years he has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 1111, of Potomac, and has filled all of the chairs in the same. He is also a member of Stedman Post, G. A. R., and possesses the confidence of his comrades in a high degree, as is shown by the fact that for fourteen years he has been commander of the post. As a result of many years of patient labor and close application Mr. La Grange now is able to live without the necessity of daily toil and to enjoy the well earned fruits of earlier effort. He has always been a man of exemplary habits and strict integrity and in the course of a long life has performed his part in advancing the true welfare of the community.

JOSEPH W. MEITZLER.

Joseph W. Meitzler, who since 1900 has been successfully engaged in business as a cigar dealer of Danville, was born in Covington, Indiana, on the 16th of April, 1874, his parents being G. W. and Johanna M. (Mahon) Meitzler. The father passed away in 1880. Our subject obtained his early education in the public schools of his native town and afterward continued his studies in Danville, having come to this city with his mother in 1888. After putting aside his text-books he secured employment with the Illinois Printing Company and remained with that concern until he entered the postoffice as route clerk, serving in that capacity for seven years. In 1900 he embarked in business on his own account as a retail cigar dealer of Danville and in this connection has since built

up a large and profitable trade. He likewise acts as president of the Wood Fibre & Already Box Company and is widely recognized as a substantial and representative citizen.

On the 25th of February, 1906, Mr. Meitzler was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Ashley, whose birth occurred in Homer, Illinois. They have one son, Joe, whose natal day was February 28, 1907. Mr. Meitzler holds membership relations with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus and also belongs to the Industrial Club, of which he is the president. A man of unfailing courtesy and unfeigned cordiality, he is popular with a large circle of friends and enjoys the regard and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact.

EDWARD CONNELL ABDILL.

Among the men who, while active factors in the world's work, left their impress upon the history of Danville, their labors proving a potential force for good in the upbuilding and development of the city, Edward Connell Abdill was numbered. His life record had its beginning in Perrysville, Indiana, May 14, 1840, his parents being Irad and Rebecca Ann (Watson) Abdill. The former was born in Cadiz, Ohio, in 1811, and the latter's birth occurred in Maryland in 1812. The father devoted his life to the conduct of a hardware business, being proprietor of a store for a number of years in Perrysville.

Edward Connell Abdill was one of a family of four sons to reach maturity. He spent his youthful days in his native city and largely acquired his education in the public schools there, although for a brief period he was a student in Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana. He celebrated the attainment of his majority only a short time prior to his enlistment for service in the Civil war. In August, 1861, his patriotic spirit being aroused by the continued attempt of the south to overthrow the Union, he joined Company B, Eleventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Colonel Lew Wallace (afterward General) then commanding the regiment. He participated in a number of hotly contested battles, including two which resulted in the capture of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson. He was afterward detailed for special mail service, having charge of the mails and dispatches at General Grant's headquarters. This service he rendered so efficiently that in December, 1863, after the fall of Vicksburg, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and adjutant of the One Hundred and Twentieth Indiana Infantry, and was designated by General Grant to bear to the north the official dispatches announcing the great victory. He was afterward made assistant adjutant general of the First Brigade, First Division, Twenty-third Army Corps. He took part in the battle of Vicksburg, was in the Atlanta campaign and in August, 1864, was honorably discharged because of physical disability. His record as a soldier was a most creditable one. He never faltered in the performance of any duty although he was often in most hazardous positions and his bravery and loyalty no one questioned.

Mr. Abdill became a resident of Illinois following the close of the war in 1865 and opened a hardware store in Fairmount, where he carried on business for three years. Seeking a broader field of labor, he removed to Danville in 1868 and entered into partnership with his older brother under the firm name of Abdill Brothers, dealers in hardware. He continued in business to the time of his death and was numbered among the leading merchants of the city. Careful analyzation of the methods he followed displayed not a single esoteric phase. He was straightforward and honorable in all that he did and saw success in the legitimate lines of trade, gaining his patronage by reason of his progressive methods and his unquestioned business integrity.

While the Civil war was in progress Mr. Abdill was married on the 13th of August, 1863, to Miss Anna Peters, a daughter of Joseph Peters, one of Danville's oldest pioneer residents, who came to the city in 1833. A contemporary biographer in writing of him said: "He made his way here an entire stranger. He had no capital and was without influential friends or acquaintances at this place and from an obscure position he rose to one of eminence, leaving the ranks of the many to stand among the successful few. Soon after his arrival he took up the study of law and in order to support himself while pursuing his law studies he engaged in driving a team and followed other occupations that would yield him an honest living. During this time he devoted all his leisure to the mastery of jurisprudence and eventually was admitted to the bar. He then entered upon the practice of his profession and soon gave proof of his marked ability as a lawyer. He was strong in argument, logical in his deductions and prosecuted his cases with great clearness. His devotion to his clients' interests was proverbial, and he prepared his cases with great clearness. At an early age, such was his marked ability in his profession, he was elected county judge of Vermilion county and served two terms. Other public honors were conferred upon him, including election to the office of state senator, and he left the impress of his individuality upon the legislation enacted during his membership in the upper house. While serving in the senate he contracted a cold which greatly undermined his health. He went to Denver, Colorado, hoping that he would be benefited by the change but it was of no avail and he died at the comparatively early age of forty-seven years. In his political affiliations he was a republican. He studied closely the questions and issues of the day and had a statesman's grasp of public affairs." During his association in Vermilion county he was known as the wit of the Vermilion county bar. He was serving as state senator from his district at the time of his death, which occurred on the 4th of July, 1866, when he was forty-seven years of age. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, contributing most generously to its support, and did all in his power to promote the growth and extend the influence of Christianity. He married Henrietta Blakely, a native of Kentucky, who died at Danville at the age of fifty-six years. Their family numbered four children including Mrs. Abdill who by her marriage became the mother of four children: Charles P., who married Flora Foster of Covington, Indiana, and is now in business in Chicago; Bertha W., who married Ernest English, now a resident of Memphis, Tennessee; Harry B., of Chicago; and Kate, who married Philip B. Voorhees, of Danville.

In early days before the Civil war Mr. Abdill was a supporter of the democratic party but when the republican party became the avowed advocate of the Union cause he joined its ranks and was ever afterward one of its stalwart champions. He was a most public-spirited man, and any movement tending to benefit the community received his endorsement and many times his substantial support. He was one of the founders of the Lake View Hospital and his efforts were an element in its substantial development. He was likewise one of the organizers of the Kimber Methodist Episcopal church and served as chairman of the building committee at the time of the erection of the present house of worship. Purchasing property, he rebuilt a residence thereon transforming it into a modern home, which he occupied for thirty-five years. He was officially connected with the Spring Hill Cemetery Association as its secretary and treasurer, and he belonged to the Loyal Legion and was largely interested in locating the soldiers monument at Danville. His support of any movement was always sure to secure for it other followers for he was a man of influence in the community. It was recognized that his judgment was unusually sound and it was well known that no movement that was in any way detrimental to the best interests of the community would receive his endorsement. Any good work done in the name of charity or religion was sure to find him a cooperant factor. Kindness and geniality were among his strongly developed characteristics, and his life was a proof of the Emersonian philosophy, "The way to win a friend is to be one." It has been said, "Not the good that comes to us but the good that comes to the world through us is the measure of our success," and judging in this way the life record of Edward Connell Abdill, who passed away in Danville, February 20, 1901, was a most successful one.

HERBERT C. CRAFT.

Herbert C. Craft, who stands for progress in all things and has become widely known as a merchandise broker of Danville, was born in this city on the 28th of October, 1882, his parents being William H. and Jennie (Westman) Craft. The mother is a native of Boston, Massachusetts, but the birth of the father occurred in Vallonia, Indiana, of which city our subject's paternal grandfather is now a resident. He is of German parentage and, although ninety-one years of age, still enjoys good health. It was about 1873 that William H. Craft came to Illinois and settled in Danville, where he was first engaged in the hide and fur business for several years. He then accepted a position as commercial traveler for H. Elkan & Company, importers of hides in Chicago, remaining with that concern for a period of thirty years. He has always been prominently identified with public affairs and for one year, under President Harrison's administration, served as enrolling clerk in the house of representatives, and for another year was appraiser of hides in the New York custom house. He is now, however, practically living retired, enjoying a well earned rest.

Herbert C. Craft received a good education in the public and high schools of Danville and after leaving school, at the age of nineteen years, entered the hide

business with the firm for whom his father also worked. He subsequently became a traveling representative for that firm and continued to hold that position for about four years. In June, 1908, he returned to Danville and has since engaged in the merchandise brokerage business, with offices at 31½ North Vermilion street. During his connection with this enterprise he has built up an excellent trade and the success he has achieved is due to his own efforts.

Mr. Craft was married in Chicago, Illinois, December 5, 1908, to Miss Dorothy Marble, a daughter of W. O. Marble, who has long been a resident of that city and is now living retired. In his political views Mr. Craft is an unfaltering republican, but, while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, he does not seek office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his constantly increasing business cares, which are of a most onerous and important nature. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church and he is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the One Hundred Thousand Club. He has an extensive circle of friends throughout the county in which he has resided during the greater part of his life, and he is worthy of the confidence and trust which are uniformly given him.

ALBERT SANDERS.

Albert Sanders, a respected citizen and representative agriculturist of Love township, was born and still resides on a farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 10, which has been in possession of the family for more than six decades. His natal day was June 26, 1864, his parents being George F. and Nancy J. (Shirse) Sanders. The father's birth occurred in Virginia, while the mother was a native of Vermilion county, Illinois. The paternal grandparents came to this county in 1841 and thirteen years later purchased the farm which is now in possession of our subject, continuing to reside thereon throughout the remainder of their lives. The maternal grandparents of Albert Sanders came to Vermilion county from Ohio at an early day, entered a tract of land and made their home here until called to their final rest. Their children were six in number.

George F. Sanders, the father of Mr. Sanders of this review, was but a little lad of five years when brought to this county by his parents. He never left the old homestead farm and eventually bought the property, owning two hundred and forty acres at the time of his demise. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he took an active and helpful interest in all matters pertaining to the general welfare. For nine years he capably served his fellow townsmen in the position of commissioner. When he passed away on the 13th of May, 1905, the community mourned the loss of one of its best known and most highly esteemed citizens. The death of his wife, which occurred on the 19th of April, 1909, was likewise the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

Albert Sanders pursued his education in the common schools and when not busy with his text-books assisted in the operation of the home farm, thus early gaining practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. On attaining his majority he took charge of the place and has been busily engaged in its operation continuously since. He now owns the property, which comprises two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land on section 10, Love township. In connection with the tilling of the soil he makes a specialty of handling and feeding stock and has shipped and fed more than twelve hundred head of cattle which he purchased in Kansas City and Chicago in seven years. His undertakings have been attended with a gratifying measure of success and he has long been numbered among the substantial and enterprising citizens of his native county.

Mr. Sanders has been married twice. On the 6th of October, 1887, he wedded Miss Dora Pribble, a native of Vermilion county and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Pribble, both of whom are deceased. She was one of a family of five children and by her marriage became the mother of four children, namely: Albert, a resident of Rossville, who acts as assistant state veterinarian; and Roy W., James R. and Minnie May, all at home. The oldest son, Albert, graduated from a Chicago veterinary college prior to his twenty-first year and now enjoys a fine practice. Mrs. Dora Sanders passed away on the 27th of February, 1905, and was laid to rest in the Georgetown cemetery. On the 26th of January, 1910, Mr. Sanders was again married, his second union being with Miss Jessie McDowell, a native of this county and a daughter of William and Sarah (Ramsay) McDowell. Her father, who is likewise a native of Vermilion county, still resides here, while her mother, whose birth occurred in Ohio, was called to her final rest on the 19th of September, 1903. She was one of a family of eight children.

In politics Mr. Sanders is a republican and for seven years he held the office of commissioner. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Georgetown, having filled all of the chairs in the latter organization. In the county where they have spent their entire lives both Mr. and Mrs. Sanders are widely and favorably known.

H. F. CUNNINGHAM.

H. F. Cunningham is a retired farmer now living in Rossville, his former activity and well directed industry having brought to him the success which now enables him to rest from further labors with capital sufficient not only to supply the necessities of life but also many of its comforts. He was born in Newell township, this county, on the 30th of July, 1851, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (French) Cunningham, both of whom have now passed away. The father came from Kentucky to Vermilion county in pioneer times, being one of the first settlers in Newell township. He was the son of William Cunningham, who entered the land from the government. Not a furrow had been turned nor

an improvement made upon their property at that time and with characteristic energy William Cunningham began the development of a farm, in this work being assisted by his son John as the years passed by. The latter continued in active connection with general agricultural pursuits here until his death, which occurred September 25, 1865.

Reared on the old homestead farm, H. F. Cunningham attended the country school through the winter months, while the summer seasons were devoted to the tasks of plowing, planting and harvesting. He lost his father when but a boy and in his youthful days the work of the farm largely devolved upon him. The estate comprised five hundred acres of land, a part of which would have gone to H. F. Cunningham as his inheritance but he sold his interest therein and made investments elsewhere. He is today the owner of two hundred acres of valuable land in Ross township, situated about a mile west of the village of Rossville, where he lived until April 4, 1908, when he bought property and moved to Rossville. For some time he resided on a farm of one hundred acres east of the town. To his sound judgment and to his careful management of his agricultural interests he owes his success. He followed modern methods of farming, utilizing the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and kept the soil in good condition through the rotation of crops. His labors have been attended with a measure of success that is most gratifying and well merited and at present he has leisure to enjoy those pleasures and pursuits which are a matter of interest to him.

In 1877 Mr. Cunningham was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Campbell and unto them have been born four children: Vera, who is now the wife of D. H. Smith and has one daughter, Garnette Marie; Grace, who married Dr. E. M. Bush and has one child, Marshall Dale; Perry and William, who still reside at home. The parents are members of the Christian church and their good qualities of heart and mind have endeared them to many friends and gained for them the kindly regard of all with whom they have been associated.

ELMER J. FRAYSER.

Elmer J. Frayser, who is now most capably filling the position of city superintendent of buildings, has for many years been identified with the development and upbuilding of Danville in the construction of many of its leading business houses and residences. He was born in Davis county, Kentucky, September 15, 1872, and is a son of Richard and Katherine (Baker) Frayser, both of whom were of Scotch-Irish descent. The latter, who was born and reared in Kentucky, is now a resident of Evansville, Indiana, but the father, who was also a native of that state and a farmer by occupation, passed away in 1875.

In the district schools of Vanderburg county, Indiana, Elmer J. Frayser began his education and later attended the public schools of Owensboro, Kentucky, for three years. On laying aside his text-books, he began learning the bricklayer's trade and on completing his apprenticeship continued to work as a journeyman bricklayer, serving as foreman for a period of nineteen years.

In April, 1906, he went to San Francisco and aided in the erection of many of the principal buildings in that reconstructed city following the earthquake. On the 8th of June, however, he returned to Danville and resumed work at his trade. Here he has been identified with the construction of a great many of the most prominent buildings of the city and in June, 1909, received the appointment of city superintendent of buildings, which position he is now most capably and satisfactorily filling.

Mr. Frayser was married in Danville on the 16th of October, 1902, to Miss Mary A. Comrie whose parents were natives of Scotland but became residents of Danville about a quarter of a century ago. Here the father died in 1892, but the mother is still living.

By his ballot Mr. Frayser supports the men and measures of the democratic party and has been an active worker in the interests of his party. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, and is also a member of the Bricklayers Union. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. Industry, honesty and perseverance have been the characteristics which have been instrumental in gaining for him success and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, hold him in high esteem.

Mrs. Frayser possesses considerable poetic ability and has written a large number of poems, some of which have been published in papers all over the union. One of the best of these is entitled "Progress of a Year," a poem written on the destruction and reconstruction of San Francisco.

JAMES FRANCIS CLEM.

Among the progressive and up-to-date business men of Danville is numbered James Francis Clem, who is a native of Vermilion county, his birth occurring in Blount township on the 25th of June, 1875. His ancestors on the paternal side were of German origin, while on the maternal side they were of Irish and English origin, but they came to this country at a very early date in its development. His paternal great-great-grandparents were from Virginia and from that state removed to Kentucky with Daniel Boone. There in the wild, unbroken forest they made for themselves a home and the great-great-grandmother of our subject molded the bullets which her husband used in defence of the family from the Indians. Later the family removed to Indiana and subsequently its representatives came to Illinois. Our subject's father, Francis Marion Clem, was born in Warren county, Indiana, and at an early day came to Vermilion county, Illinois, with his grandfather. On reaching manhood he commenced farming and continued to follow that pursuit throughout his active business life, but is now living retired in Danville. At State Line, Indiana, he married Miss Rebecca McGee, a native of Missouri, whose father was a physician.

During the boyhood of James F. Clem, the family resided in Vermilion county, Indiana, where they made their home for twenty years, returning to

Vermilion county, Illinois, in 1909. It was in Perrysville of the former state that he obtained his education, attending the public schools until he attained his majority, being a student in the high school for one year. On the completion of his education he took charge of his father's farm, which he successfully operated for some years and then leased the farm of his uncle, Jacob Clem, which he conducted for a period of three years. At the end of that time, in the fall of 1901, he removed to Danville and has since been engaged in the storage and transfer business at Nos. 101-103, South Vermilion street. He began business in a very small way but has steadily prospered and is today at the head of the leading firm of the kind in this city. Besides his property in Danville he is now the owner of some good farm land in this county, and is today numbered among the prosperous citizens of the locality.

Mr. Clem was married in Columbus, Wisconsin, June 6, 1907, the lady of his choice being Miss Laura Keefer, a daughter of Charles Keefer, who for the past two years has been a resident of Danville. Mrs. Clem, however, was born near Columbus in Dodge county, Wisconsin, and by her marriage has become the mother of one child, Dora Viola, whose birth occurred in Danville, August 31, 1909.

Mr. Clem is an earnest and consistent member of the Christian church and being a strong temperance man, is a stalwart advocate of the principles of the prohibition party of which he is a stanch supporter, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He is a man of strong character and sterling worth and well merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

JEHU R. COLYER, M. D.

Dr. Jehu R. Colyer, long well known in this section of the state as a capable member of the medical profession from which he was forced to retire on account of ill health, is now successfully engaged in banking in Catlin, being cashier of a bank which he organized. His work in this connection is proving of worth to the community as well as a source of profit to himself, and the bank has become recognized as one of the strong financial institutions of the community, furthering the interests of the commercial world by carrying on banking in all of its varied and legitimate departments.

A farm near Somerset, Kentucky, was the birthplace of Jehu R. Colyer, and his natal day was November 19, 1856. His parents were St. Clair and Elizabeth (Morgan) Colyer, both of whom were natives of Virginia, and removed from the Old Dominion to Pulaski county, Kentucky, with their respective parents in childhood days. The former was a grandson of Arthur St. Clair, who served as a colonel in the Revolutionary war. When the Civil war was inaugurated both the Colyer and Morgan families were slaveholders and their sympathies were with the Confederacy, seven of the uncles of J. R. Colyer joining the southern army. At the close of the war all returned uninjured save Colonel Wesley Colyer, who was severely wounded in the breast by a gun shot but recovered. Notwithstanding the fact that he was born and reared in the south,

St. Clair Colyer was strongly opposed to secession of the southern states, never accepting their theory that they had a right to disrupt the Union. The grandparents of J. R. Colyer on both the paternal and maternal sides were devout Christian people and church leaders, and most of their children became faithful members of the church. The paternal grandfather had a family of nineteen children, all of whom reached advanced age, save one, who died of smallpox at the age of twenty-five years. St. Clair Colyer reached the very venerable age of eighty-five years and his widow is still living at the age of seventy-seven. Not only did he engage in farming as a life work but also was well known as a coal merchant, shipping coal on the Cumberland river from the Cumberland coal mines in Kentucky, to Nashville, Tennessee, and to Cairo, Illinois. His family numbered ten children, seven sons and three daughters, and all are yet living. Nine of the number during their earlier life were schoolteachers; three are now regular graduated physicians of the allopathic school; two are lawyers and two ministers of the Methodist church, while a brother-in-law is also a physician. It will thus be seen that the family are given to professional activities and in their chosen fields they have made excellent records.

Dr. Colyer of this review pursued his education in the public and private schools of Somerset, Kentucky, and at the age of seventeen began teaching, which profession he followed through the succeeding decade. During the next three years he studied medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was graduated from the Ohio Medical College in the class of 1886. His boyhood days were uneventful and without exciting incident, save one never to be forgotten experience. At the age of eighteen years he was on a large open coal barge on the Cumberland river, loaded with about seven hundred tons of coal, bound for Nashville, Tennessee. The heavy tide water made the Cumberland river shoals, which were seven miles long, very rough and the billows rolled high. So great were these breakers that the boat, although built very strong, went to pieces and sank, leaving the pilot and sixteen men of the crew to fight for their lives in the surging waters. Their only hope of escape was clinging to the oars, which were about sixty feet long and two feet in diameter at the broadest parts. Fortunately all rode through on the four oars and were rescued at the foot of the shoals by boatmen. Dr. Colyer came on shore bareheaded, barefooted and coatless and had to walk home barefooted—a distance of seven miles. The experience was a very memorable one and the horror of it seems yet upon Dr. Colyer as his memory brings vividly before him that scene with all of its hardships and terrors.

Following his graduation from medical college Dr. Colyer returned to his home in Somerset, Kentucky, where he practiced medicine until his removal to Douglas county, Illinois. There he continued successfully in practice until the fall of 1898, when his health failed, due to hard work and exposure, which brought on rheumatism and chronic neuritis. He spent a year in rest and recuperation and then turned his attention to banking in Douglas county, Illinois, having previously had some experience in that line in earlier life. In 1904 he sold his interest in three banks in Douglas and Piatt counties, after which he organized a banking company and established the Catlin bank, of which he is now cashier. In 1907 he also organized the Bank of Oakwood, Illinois, of

which he is a director and in addition to his banking interests he is the owner of three hundred and eighty acres of land and a home in Catlin.

On the 19th of December, 1898, Dr. Colyer was married to Miss Sallie Newell, the only daughter of Henry Clay and Florence V. Newell, of Somerset, Kentucky. Her parents are both living at the ages of seventy-eight and seventy-five years respectively. Mrs. Colyer was born October 17, 1870, and by her marriage has become the mother of one child, Florence E.

Dr. Colyer is an exemplary member of the Masonic fraternity in his loyalty to its teachings and principles. At the age of fourteen years he became a member of the Methodist church and has since been one of its devoted followers. In his profession he had many opportunities to exemplify the teachings of Masonry and of the Christian faith and again and again responded to a professional call when he knew that no remuneration would reward his labors. His life in all of its phases has commanded the respect and confidence of his fellowmen and he now ranks high among the prominent and valued citizens of Catlin and Vermilion county.

JOHN S. MARSH.

Among the young men who are leaving their impress upon the business development and material progress of Danville is numbered John S. Marsh, who is now successfully engaged in the life insurance business. He was born in Chicago, April 10, 1875, his parents being Edwin D. and Jennie F. (Ingham) Marsh, who removed with their family to Danville in 1881. Here the father died in 1901. He was engaged in the fire insurance business and was a man highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. The early home of the mother was in Middletown, Connecticut, but during her girlhood she came to Danville, in 1861, and taught music in the Old Red Seminary on Main street.

Being brought to Danville in childhood, John S. Marsh attended the public and high schools of this city and after acquiring a good practical education accepted the position of bookkeeper with the Danville Electric Light & Gas Company, with which he remained for about a year. He was next in the employ of the Second National Bank as bookkeeper for six years, after which he was made district agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Three years later he was made general agent for this section of the state with headquarters in Danville and still continues to fill that position to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. A wide-awake, energetic and progressive business man, he has met with remarkable success and during the year 1909 did the largest personal business for the company of any agent in the state of Illinois. As he has prospered in business, he has become financially interested in various mercantile and manufacturing enterprises in Danville and is today regarded as one of its leading business men.

Mr. Marsh was married in Danville in 1900 to Miss May Kiningham, a daughter of Columbus N. Kiningham, an old resident of Danville. They have become the parents of three children, namely: Eugene W., born May 16, 1901;

John S., Jr., born January 2, 1908; Douglas N., born April 9, 1910. By his ballot Mr. Marsh usually supports the men and measures of the republican party, but at local elections generally votes for the candidate whom he believes best qualified to fill the office, regardless of party.

He is a member of the First Presbyterian church and his many good qualities have gained for him the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been associated either in business or social circles. In business he has won success along lines which bear close investigation and scrutiny, for never has he sacrificed the interests of others to further his own prosperity.

C. C. WHITE.

C. C. White, an alert, active and wide-awake business man of Henning, was born in Richland county, Ohio, April 30, 1850. His parents, John and Elizabeth White, were also natives of the Buckeye state, but both have now passed away. The mother died in 1853, aged twenty-nine years, and was laid to rest in a cemetery in Perrysville, Ohio, while the father, who died at the advanced age of seventy-six years, was buried at Bolivar, Missouri. He had nine children, two by his first wife and seven by his second wife, for following the death of Mrs. Elizabeth White he wedded Isabelle Crawford.

C. C. White, whose name introduces this review, was a pupil in the public schools of Perrysville, Ohio, in the days of his boyhood and learned lessons that have been of value to him in his later years, for he early became impressed with the fact that industry and perseverance are indispensable elements to success in business. He also served a three years' apprenticeship to the mason's trade at that place. In 1869 he came to Illinois, intending to work at his trade, and for a time attended the Gem City Business College at Quincy. It was in 1894 that he became a resident of Vermilion county and for sixteen years has been a representative of the grain trade at Henning. This is a rich agricultural district and extensive farms produce splendid crops, so that there is ample opportunity for a grain merchant to make his purchases preparatory to shipping to the city markets. In business circles Mr. White has established a reputation for keen discernment and sagacity and at all times is thoroughly reliable, his success never being won at the sacrifice of another's interests. At present he is engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in Henning.

In 1870 Mr. White was married in Champaign county, Illinois, to Miss Lucy H. Welles, a daughter of Joseph H. and Sarah A. (Jones) Welles, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Maine. Her mother was a cousin of Gideon E. Welles, secretary of war under President Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. White have become the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters. Dora, the eldest, is now the wife of S. A. Paulson, of Rossville, and they have four daughters and one son. J. W. White, who married Rosie Stickrod, is now cashier of a bank at Henning. Olive is the wife of Frank J. Dodson, principal of the public schools at Ogden, Champaign county. Mark T. White was injured in a grain elevator at Henning managed by his father and died in Febru-

ary, 1903, eight days after the accident, at the age of twenty-three years. Clara W. is the wife of Charles Mason, a farmer, living near Henning. Harlan J. and Hazen E. are twins. The former is now with the Armour Packing Company as an auditor in the southern states, while the latter is with the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company, holding an office position at Oaklawn, Danville, Illinois. Frank V. is a fireman on the Eastern & Joliet Railroad, living at Rossville, and Sarah A. completes the family.

Mr. White is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and is in sympathy with the purposes of those organizations which recognize the obligations of man to his fellowmen. Moreover, he is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is president of the church association of his township. He takes an active interest in all the phases of church work and in fact is known as an earnest and able supporter of those projects and movements which tend to uplift mankind. He has many friends in the community where he makes his home and is appreciative of the social amenities of life. He always has a cheery and encouraging word for those with whom he comes in contact and his good qualities as a man and citizens cause his name to be spoken only in terms of respect and good-will.

JOHN TORRANCE.

John Torrance, who is now serving as city clerk of Danville, has made an excellent record as a public official, his course being highly beneficial to the city in many ways. In all that he has done he has been actuated by a desire to promote the best interests of the community and his labors have been effective and far-reaching. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, on the 24th of September, 1849, his parents being David and Sarah (Kearns) Torrance, both of whom are now deceased. The father, who was a carpenter by occupation, came to Danville in 1864 and made his home here until called to his final rest on the 15th of December, 1893. The mother's death occurred January 19, 1908. She was born near Reading, Pennsylvania, and was of German ancestry, while the father of our subject was born near Circleville, Ohio, and was of Irish extraction.

Being but fifteen years of age on the removal of the family to Danville, John Torrance here grew to manhood and completed his education in the common schools. Being fond of horses, he was employed to ride in races and became well known on all local tracks. At one time he learned the watchmaker's and jeweler's trade at which he worked and from the 16th of September, 1880, to the 11th of September, 1900, he served as agent for the American Express Company at Danville, his long connection with that concern indicating his efficiency and the satisfactory manner in which he discharged his duties.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Torrance is associated with the Eagles, the Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the National Union, and is also a member of the Industrial Club. In his religious faith he is a Methodist and in politics is an ardent republican, taking a prominent and influential part in public affairs. Since the 1st of September, 1902, he has filled the office of city clerk to the entire

satisfaction of all concerned. He received the office by appointment, his fellow citizens soon recognizing his capability, and he has since been retained in that position. He is very conscientious and prompt in the discharge of all of his duties, working for the welfare of the community. In manner he is pleasant and genial, of an agreeable temperament, and makes many friends. He is a great lover of outdoor sports, being particularly interested in baseball and is an ardent rooter for the success of the home league.

JOHN W. JOHNSTON.

John W. Johnston, a leading farmer of Oakwood township, Vermilion county, was born in that township, January 23, 1856, a son of David and Mary A. E. (Brittingham) Johnston. The father was born in Kentucky, February 6, 1826, and the mother in Oakwood township, November 8, 1833. They were married in that township, November 11, 1852, and began housekeeping at once on a rented farm, where they continued for five years. Mr. Johnston was an industrious and intelligent farmer and soon accumulated capital with which he purchased land in Oakwood township, which was partly improved and upon which he and his wife took up their residence in 1857. There they continued for many years and at the time of his retirement Mr. Johnston was the owner of a beautiful farm of two hundred and eighteen acres. He and his wife continued upon the place after giving up active duties, the former being called away June 13, 1905. Mrs. Johnston survived her companion for five years and departed this life April 11, 1910, her remains being placed beside those of her husband in Pleasant Grove cemetery, one and three-fourths miles north of Oakwood. Both were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and sincere believers in the gospel promulgated by the great Teacher. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston. Matilda J., the wife of David M. Young, of Danville, Illinois, was born December 20, 1853, and is the mother of one child, Mary E., now Mrs. W. E. Van Allen, living on a part of the old homestead. The second child is the subject of this review.

John W. Johnston was educated in the common schools and grew up under the influences of kind parents. He early was made acquainted with all the work connected with the farm and continued with his father until the age of forty-four years, when he was married and moved on his own farm of two hundred and eighteen and one-half acres, which he had previously acquired and to which has been added his wife's interest in her family estate and one hundred and eight and one-half acres of the old Johnston homestead. The farm now includes five hundred and two acres of well improved land, of which all but forty acres are under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Johnston is a thorough and practical farmer and in addition to the raising of crops has taken great interest in raising and feeding live stock, bringing to this branch of the business an ability which would command success anywhere, and today he is known as one of the most enterprising and prosperous farmers of his township. He has been identified with various other interests and is at the present time a stockholder and director of the First National Bank of Oakwood.

On December 19, 1900, Mr. Johnston was united in marriage to Miss Estella Oakwood, who was born in Oakwood township, August 24, 1874, and is a daughter of Henry J. and Priscilla (Sailor) Oakwood. Her parents were both natives of Ohio and were pioneer settlers of this county, Mr. Oakwood operating a farm here until his death in 1901. Mrs. Oakwood survives her husband and is making her home with one of her children in Oakwood township. She is the mother of eight children: William, living on a farm near Oakwood; Morgan, deceased; Thomas, also living near Oakwood; Emma, who died at the age of forty-four years and was the wife of Charles C. Smith, of Fithian, Oakwood township; Mattie, who died in 1898, at the age of thirty-two years, and was the wife of T. J. Allison, of Danville, Illinois; Harvey J., a farmer of Oakwood township; Charles, now living on the old homestead; and Estella, the wife of our subject. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston: Mary Oletha, born December 11, 1901; Martha Frances, born July 15, 1904; and Henry David, born April 19, 1908.

Mr. Johnston has devoted his attention principally to his own private affairs but has for many years been politically allied with the republican party as that organization whose principles are most in accordance with those of a popular government. While he has not been an active seeker for office, he has held several positions of trust and for thirteen years acted as school trustee of his district and for nine years past has served as township treasurer. He is a valued member of Freewill Lodge, No. 782, A. F. & A. M., of Oakwood, and has acceptably filled all of the chairs of the blue lodge. He and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Oakwood, of which he has served for twenty-five years as recording steward, while she has been actively interested in various committees engaged in church work. They have always shown great interest not only in works relating to the church but in all movements that tend to promote the general welfare of their fellowmen.

J. EDWARD WAMSLEY.

J. Edward Wamsley is a well known photographer of Danville whose skill and ability in his chosen profession are widely recognized. A native of Illinois, he was born in Douglas county, on the 12th of July, 1882, his parents being W. F. and Julia A. (Campbell) Wamsley. His father is a native of Ohio and from that state came to Illinois when a young man and located in Douglas county where throughout the years of his active business life he followed farming, but is now living retired at Arthur, Illinois. His wife is a native of Douglas county and a representative of a prominent and wealthy pioneer family of that region.

J. Edward Wamsley pursued his education in the public schools of Arthur and early evinced a taste for photography, opening a studio there at the age of thirteen years while yet attending school. Subsequently he studied and was graduated from the Illinois College of Photography in 1901 and two years later went to Chicago where he remained until 1908. During that period he was a



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pupil of John T. McCutcheon, the noted cartoonist. This association grew very helpful to him and he gained much valuable experience during his residence in Chicago, attaining to a high profession in his art. Coming to Danville in 1908, he purchased an interest in the business of S. A. Watson and opened a fine studio which he has since conducted with marked and growing success. Progressive and up-to-date in his methods, understanding the scientific principles of his work and artistic in his tastes, he has been able to attain to a high place in his profession and now ranks among the leading photographers of Illinois. He has won several medals on his work, including a gold medal given at the State Photographers' Convention, open to all the photographers of the state.

In November, 1907, Mr. Wamsley was married at Tuscola to Miss Jessie Robertson, a native of Illinois, and they now have a little daughter, Juanita, born March 14, 1909.

H. L. BROWN.

Among the successful business men of Humrick, Vermilion county, H. L. Brown occupies a responsible position. For eight years past he has been identified with the community and today he ranks as one of the substantial factors in its growth. He was born in Highland county, Ohio, August 16, 1876, and is a son of Dr. Robert A. and Nancy F. (Hopkins) Brown, both natives of Ohio. The father is a son of John and Elizabeth Brown, who were also natives of Ohio. His mother is still living at the old home in the Buckeye state and has attained the advanced age of eighty-three years. In her family were four children and three of them are now living. Dr. Brown early showed marked ability in his studies. He was attracted to the medical profession and in 1884 was graduated from the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati, later taking a post-graduate course at the Bellevue Hospital in New York city and preparing for a work in which he has attained a high standing. Immediately upon the completion of his course he began the practice of his profession and in 1891 located at Humrick, where he has since remained. By conscientious attention to his duties and by keeping thoroughly informed upon all subjects pertaining to the art of healing he has made steady progress in this county and is recognized as one of the leading physicians in eastern Illinois.

In 1874 Dr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Flora Hopkins and to them one child was born, Herbert L., the subject of this review. Mrs. Brown departed this life in 1887 and in 1890 the Doctor was married to Miss Nellie F. Ammerman, a daughter of Peter and Anna M. Ammerman, of Indiana, the former of whom is deceased. Mrs. Brown is one of six children born to her parents. She holds membership in the Presbyterian church of Bethel, Illinois, and Dr. Brown is a valued member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Court of Honor and the Tribe of Ben Hur. He is identified with the republican party and, while he has not sought official preferment, the duties of his profession making heavy demands upon his time, he has served two terms as

coroner. Dr. and Mrs. Brown occupy one of the handsome residences in Humrick and are highly esteemed for their genial social qualities.

From the time he was eleven until he arrived at the age of sixteen H. L. Brown, our subject, made his home with his grandfather and during the last two years of this period was actively engaged in operating the farm. He was an ambitious lad and, desiring to advance as rapidly as possible, he came westward to Illinois and worked by the month for about five years. Although he had received the advantages of the common schools in Ohio, he felt the importance of a wider education and accordingly he left the farm and went to Dixon, Illinois, where he attended school for one year, showing such proficiency that he was granted a teacher's certificate and for two years taught in the public schools. The three years following were passed by him at Kankakee, where he graduated as a nurse. In 1902 he came to Humrick and became identified with the general mercantile and implement business, in which he still continues with a success that is highly gratifying.

On August 16, 1903, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Lula Pearl Marshall, a native of Parke county, Indiana, and a daughter of Thomas and Dora M. (Barnes) Marshall. One son, born January 4, 1908, has blessed this union. The parents are both affiliated with the Presbyterian church, of which they are valued members. Mr. Brown casts his vote for the candidates of the republican party and for three years past has filled the position of postmaster at Humrick. His success in life is a striking illustration of the effect of perseverance, inspired by an ambition which had for its object noble aims. It should give great encouragement to any young man who desires to attain something worth while and has only his own personal efforts upon which he may depend to carry him through. The road to success, as has often been said, is open to all who have the necessary courage, patience and energy and are willing to deny themselves in early life in order to be sure of abundance in old age.

J. E. SMITH.

J. E. Smith, owning and operating a well improved farm of eighty-one acres on section 22, Love township, was born in that township on the 29th of May, 1886, his parents being I. D. and Malissa (Glick) Smith. The father is a native of Illinois while the mother's birth occurred in Indiana.

J. E. Smith supplemented his preliminary education by a course of study in an academy. When not busy with his text-books he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage, when he took up his abode on his present farm of eighty-one acres on section 22, Love township. In connection with the tilling of the soil he makes a specialty of raising Poland China hogs and both branches of his business are proving profitable.

On the 19th of January, 1910, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Grace Baldwin, a native of Kansas and a daughter of J. R. and Laura (Golden)

Baldwin, who are now residents of Dana, Indiana. Mrs. Smith was one of a family of five children born unto her parents.

In politics Mr. Smith is a stanch prohibitionist, believing that the liquor traffic is the worst evil with which our country has to contend. He has already won a gratifying measure of success for one of his years and is widely recognized as one of the representative and popular young citizens of his native county.

CHARLES E. BAINBRIDGE.

Charles E. Bainbridge is prominent among the enterprising, progressive and prosperous business men of Danville and his efforts have contributed to the business interests of the community as well as to his individual success. He is a native of the neighboring state of Indiana, born in Fountain county, March 1, 1865, and on the paternal side is of German and English ancestry, while his mother's people were of Scotch-Irish descent. His father, William Bainbridge, made farming his life occupation and died in March, 1878. In early manhood he married Miss Sarah Glover, who died in February, 1898. The remains of both parents were interred in a cemetery in Fountain county, Indiana. It was in that county that our subject was mainly reared and there began his education in the district schools. Moving west, he attended high school at Santa Cruz, California, and was graduated therefrom in 1891. At the expiration of that time he studied law for four years under the direction of Judge Webb at Salinas, California, and on coming to this state was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1896. For about six years he was engaged in general practice but not caring for the profession, he discontinued practice at the end of that time. Previously he had been engaged in the brokerage business to some extent and after giving up the law again devoted his attention to that business, being now engaged in dealing in stocks, bonds and real estate. He handles his own property exclusively and in his speculations has met with remarkable success.

Mr. Bainbridge was married in St. Louis, Missouri, November 12, 1904, to Miss Grace M. Hasty, a daughter of Henry and Mary Hasty of Danville, who are old residents of this county. Mr. Bainbridge's political endorsement has been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he has become an active and influential factor in its ranks. At the last election he was defeated for the office of state representative by only seventeen votes, but not discouraged by this, it is his intention to become a candidate of the republican party at the next election. In 1896 he was appointed city attorney of Rossville, Illinois, to fill out an unexpired term. During his residence in Salinas, California, he was a member of the state militia but was never called into active service. He is now president of the Greenwood Cemetery Association of Danville and is an honored member of the Eagles and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Born in a log cabin with meager advantages during his boyhood, as his people were in limited circumstances, Mr. Bainbridge is a self-made man who has

experienced many difficulties and privations. His education as well as his success in business is due entirely to his own personal efforts, for since an early age he has been entirely dependent upon his own resources. He has sought his success in legitimate lines of trade wherein he has given evidence of sound judgment, keen sagacity and unfaltering diligence. Moreover, his business integrity has ever been above question and he has proved himself a wise and successful business man as well as a genial, honorable and highly respected citizen. Broad and liberal in his views, he has become very popular during his residence in Danville and there is probably no man in Vermilion county who has more friends than has Charles E. Bainbridge.

JOSEPH W. MILLER.

Among the active business men of Vermilion county whose talents are not limited to the field of merchandise but also find expression in agriculture, may be named Joseph W. Miller, of Armstrong, Middle Fork township. He was born near Oxford, Indiana, August 2, 1871, and is a son of Robert and Martha Elizabeth (Smalley) Miller. Robert Miller was a native of Pennsylvania. He came to Indiana at an early day and there lived principally until he was forty-nine years of age, when he located in Vermilion county as a stock-raiser. He departed this life in 1908. His wife was born in Kentucky but removed with her parents to Indiana, where she was married, and is now living at Armstrong, Illinois. Seven children were born to them, five of whom are living: Joseph W., the subject of this review; Anna, now Mrs. Cordell, of Ivinville, Wisconsin; R. P., a farmer of Middle Fork township; Thomas, also engaged in farming in Middle Fork township; and Ross, a farmer of Brown county, South Dakota.

Joseph W. Miller was reared upon the farm and received his education in the district schools. At twenty-one years of age he entered the mercantile business at Armstrong and conducted it with such success that it became one of the leading general merchandise establishments in this region. Two years ago the store was destroyed by fire but was rebuilt and Mr. Miller now carries the largest stock of general merchandise in Armstrong. An idea of the extent of his business may be gained when it is stated that last year his sales, in a country town, amounted to forty-two thousand dollars. He is sole owner of the building and its contents and also of a stock of goods at Thawville, Illinois, and of a farm of four hundred and eighty acres in Hyde county, South Dakota. He is one of the owners of a tract of ten hundred and eighty acres in Baxter county, Arkansas, and has a one-fifth interest in four hundred and twenty acres in Middle Fork township. His home in Armstrong is one of the attractive residences of the place.

In 1892 Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Lottie Knox, who was called to her rest in 1902. Two years later he was married to Miss Pearl Gilbreth, and two children have been born to them: Josephine Guelda and Leota Mabra.

Mr. Miller is a staunch supporter of the republican party and while he has not sought office, he served as assistant postmaster of Armstrong for two years and as postmaster for two years. He is identified with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors, finding in these organizations principles of helpfulness and brotherhood which have always met his earnest approval. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and is a liberal supporter of that organization. As is readily to be seen, Mr. Miller is a busy man and one who has made a success not only as a merchant but as a farmer. Although he has many duties in his private affairs which require prompt attention, he never neglects his obligations as a citizen and is foremost in all works that aim to promote the general welfare. He belongs to the type of modern man who, by the aid of trained judgment, decides quickly and fearlessly, not trusting to his own instincts. It is such men that direct the great enterprises and makes it possible to meet the demands of an advanced civilization.

JAMES A. JONES.

James A. Jones, owning and operating a fine farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres on section 36, Danville township, has won a well merited and gratifying measure of success in the conduct of his agricultural interests. His birth occurred in Vermilion county, Illinois, in 1860, his parents being Rees and Mary J. Jones, both of whom were natives of Wales, the former born in 1832 and the latter in 1836. When sixteen years of age Rees Jones crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling in Vermilion county, Indiana, where he later celebrated his marriage. He and his wife took up their abode among the early residents of this county and here made their home until 1905, when they returned to Vermilion county, Indiana.

James A. Jones, who was one of a family of eight children, attended the district schools of this county in the acquirement of an education. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his attention during his entire business career and he is now the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres in Danville township. The land is all under a high state of cultivation and everything about the place indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

In 1894 Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Bertha M. Stevenson, who was born in 1871 and obtained her education in the district schools of this county. They now have two children, Glen S. and Gordon A.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Jones has supported the men and measures of the republican party and his interest in everything pertaining to the public welfare is deep and sincere. The cause of education has ever found in him a staunch champion and for nine years he served as

a school director. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen and the Court of Honor, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Brethren church, of which he acted as trustee for fourteen years. He has many friends in the county where his entire life has been spent and well merits the regard and esteem which is uniformly accorded him.

CHARLES SMITH.

A professor of renown, who has devoted his life largely to a study of the economic conditions and natural resources of the country, has made the statement that there is no better investment in all America than Illinois farm land. Moreover it is a well known fact that agriculture is the basis of all success in other lines, and the man, therefore, whose capabilities qualify him for successful farming is particularly fortunate. A prominent representative of the agricultural classes in Eastern Illinois is Charles Smith, who is the owner of ten hundred and eighty acres upon the south side of the Attica road about three miles from Rossville in Vermilion county.

His entire life has been spent in this locality, his birth occurring upon the old homestead farm March 13, 1864. He is a son of Thomas Smith, one of the early settlers of the county. His youthful days were spent in the usual manner of farm lads. The work of the fields engaged his attention from the time of early spring planting until crops were gathered in the autumn. The instruction of the public school developed his mental powers, and thus school and home training qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties. Wisely choosing as a life work the occupation to which he had been reared, he has become one of the extensive land owners of the county, making further investment from time to time as his financial resources have increased, until now ten hundred and eighty acres annually yield to him a good revenue. His home farm upon which he resides comprises two hundred and seventy acres adjoining the corporation limits of Rossville, and is a valuable and well informed tract equipped with all of the conveniences and accessories of a model farm. He owns other land in Grant township and all is in good condition, the work of improvement and development keeping his fields continuously under a high state of cultivation. He likewise owns land in Kansas. The farm upon which he resides is known as the old Henderson place. In addition to its cultivation he raises some stock and also buys and ships stock. His sound judgment in this, as in other branches of his business is bringing to him well merited success.

On the 13th of October, 1887, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Susan Pendergrast, a daughter of Patrick and Laura (Albert) Pendergrast. Their children are nine in number, namely: Thomas, who married Ethel Case; Fern, a graduate of the common schools; Edwin, who has also completed his course in the public schools; Austin, Minnie, Leo, Donovan and George, all attending school; and Ray, deceased.

Mr. Smith and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal church. He is widely known in the county where his entire life has been spent, and that his

record has ever been a creditable one is indicated by the fact that those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time are numbered among his staunchest friends. He early came to a realization of the fact that "There is no excellence without labor," and that "There is no royal road to wealth." Therefore he put forth earnest and unremitting effort, accomplishing the tasks to which he set himself by reason of his unfaltering application and determined purpose. The rewards of labor are sure and thus in due course of time he gained a place among the more prosperous farmers of the county.

AUGUST FAULSTICH.

While of foreign birth August Faulstich has spent the greater part of his life in Danville and has been identified in many ways with its interests, never failing to give hearty cooperation to any project in which the welfare of the city has been involved. He was born in Fulda, central Germany, April 1, 1853, his parents being Peter and Mary (Holman) Faulstich. Reared in his native land, he was given good educational advantages and at an early day learned the trade of a brick layer. He was only nineteen years old when he left Germany with a boy companion and crossed the Atlantic to America. As his companion had a relative living in Danville, Illinois, they came to this city, arriving here on the 15th of June, 1872. Mr. Faulstich's first employment was with the Paris & Danville Railroad in track laying and general work, and for twenty-one years he was engaged in various capacities with the Wabash, the Evansville, Terre Haute & Cedar Rapids and the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroads. He was in the employ of the last named road for about nineteen years and held the position of general foreman of the car department. Honest and industrious, he gained the confidence of his employers and was regarded as one of the most trusted men in the service. In 1893, on his retirement from that position, he embarked in the grocery business on the corner of Main and Buchanan streets. Here he erected a fine store building at a time when that section of the city was but sparsely settled, but his judgment in locating there proved good and today it is one of the best and most populous thoroughfares and business centers of Danville.

Mr. Faulstich recalls that on coming to Danville the population of the city was less than four thousand and around his present location there were but few houses, but all this has gradually been changed and he is now in the center of one of the most thriving and prosperous districts of the city. Besides his town property he owns a valuable farm of eighty-eight acres on the outskirts of the city and is enjoying a handsome competence, which is certainly well deserved.

In 1875 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Faulstich and Miss Meme Farher, also a native of Germany, who in girlhood came to Vermilion county with her parents, August and Elizabeth (Schroeder) Farher, who became honored and respected citizens of Danville. Her mother belonged to the Schroeder family that has given to this city some of its best and most honored citizens. To Mr. and Mrs. Faulstich were born seven children who are still living and

have become a credit to their parents, showing the result of their careful training. In order of birth they are as follows: Anton, who is now connected with his father in the grocery business; Mrs. Annie Welch; August; Clara; Helen; Gertrude; and Victoria. The family are communicants of the German Catholic church and have a host of friends throughout the city.

Mr. Faulstich is independent in politics but has taken quite an active part in public affairs, always voting for the best man irrespective of party. In 1909 he was elected alderman of the third ward on the citizens ticket, an honor unsought by him, but he believes it the duty of every good citizen to take his part in public affairs and to faithfully discharge any duty devolving upon him without hope of pecuniary reward. His life has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact either in business or social life.

KELLY C. TRIMMELL.

Kelly C. Trimmell is the owner of an excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres in Oakwood township, and its neat and thrifty appearance indicates his careful supervision and practical, progressive methods. A native of Oakwood township, Mr. Trimmell was born September 3, 1867, the youngest of the two children born unto Paris and Sarah J. (Cork) Trimmell, who were natives of Vermilion county, Illinois, and England respectively. His paternal grandparents were William and Sarah Trimmell, pioneers of Vermilion county. Our subject's mother came to America with her parents when two years of age, the family arriving in Ohio in 1836. They remained there for a year, during which time Mrs. Cork died, and in 1837 Mr. Cork came to Vermilion county, Illinois, settling on a farm which he continued to cultivate throughout his remaining days, his death occurring May 8, 1886. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Paris Trimmell was celebrated in Vermilion county, after which they began their domestic life upon a farm that remained their home until they were called to their final rest, the mother of our subject passing away in October, 1868, and the father in June, 1877. Their children were: Jennie, now the wife of E. W. Vanallen, of Ohio; and Kelly C. By his second marriage the father had a daughter, Gertrude, who died at the age of twenty years.

Kelly C. Trimmell was reared upon the old homestead and remained with his parents until their death, being left an orphan at the age of ten years. He then lived with his grandfather until eighteen years of age, when he began farming on a small tract of land given him by his grandfather. He still owns that property but has added to it from time to time until he is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres of well improved land in Oakwood township. He has also handled stock and both branches of his business are proving profitable because capably conducted, his labors being directed by intelligence and industry.

On the 1st of January, 1900, Mr. Trimmell was married to Miss Grace B. Young, a daughter of William A. and Anna (Ligett) Young, natives of Vermilion county, who have lived in Illinois most of their lives but for a few years

were in Tennessee and Indiana. The father died in July, 1901, but the mother is still living, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Trimmell. Their family numbered four children: Charlie, a resident of Indiana; Frank, who is living in Marion, Indiana; William, of California; and Mrs. Trimmell. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Trimmell have been born five children, but the eldest died in infancy. The others are: William P., born March 17, 1903; Ruth M., born September 17, 1905; John K., born January 24, 1908; and Dorothy G., born May 8, 1910.

That Mr. Trimmell's position is not an equivocal one on the subject of temperance is indicated by the strong support which he gives to the prohibition party. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity at Oakwood and he and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. His influence is always found on the side of right and progress and he has labored efficiently and earnestly for the public welfare as well as for individual success.

CONDE E. BISHOP.

Conde E. Bishop, who has won his advancement through capable and faithful service, is now a passenger conductor on the Wabash Railroad and since February 5, 1896, has made his home in Danville, his run being between this city and St. Louis, Missouri. He was born in Tipton, Indiana, October 7, 1862, and is a son of Conde and Alice (Green) Bishop. The father was born in Rochester, New York, was educated in the Empire state, and in his native city learned the carpenter's trade. He left the east when a young man and went to Indiana where he took up the line of work to which he had been reared, eventually becoming a contractor. In that connection he erected large buildings which are now standing as monuments to his thrift and handiwork. His remaining days were passed in Tipton and when he was called to his final rest his grave was made in a cemetery there. His widow, who still survives him although she has been an invalid for a number of years, now makes her home in Toledo, Ohio. Her father, John Green, was one of the earliest settlers of Tipton county and was a prominent and able judge of the circuit court who figured as one of the leading members of the bar of the state. He also represented his district in the legislature for a number of years and that he occupied an eminent position in the public life of the state is indicated by the fact that a bust of him has been placed over the main entrance of the court house,—a gift from the county.

In his youthful days Conde E. Bishop, whose name introduces this record, accompanied his parents on their removal to Huntington, Indiana, where he attended school for about five years. He afterward went to La Fayette, Indiana, where he remained in school until about sixteen years of age. He then entered the service of the Wabash Railroad Company, being employed at checking baggage for a year and a half. Later he engaged in selling tickets for about five years but preferred the more active service of the operative department and became brakeman on a freight train, continuing in that position for two years and five months. He afterward spent seven and a half years as a freight conductor and subsequently was made conductor on a passenger train. According

as his business has made it desirable he has lived in Springfield, Champaign and Danville, Illinois, making his home in the last named city since the 5th of February, 1896. His run is from Danville to St. Louis, Missouri, and he is one of the trusted employes of the road which he has represented for almost a third of a century.

On the 12th of October, 1895, Mr. Bishop was united in marriage to Miss Lavanche Lee Rennick. The Rennick family is from Wisconsin. Her parents were Robert and Matilda (Coyne) Rennick. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bishop has been born a daughter, Alice Conde, whose birth occurred September 15, 1903.

Mr. Bishop is a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the degrees of the blue lodge, chapter, council, commandery and the Lodge of Perfection. He is also connected with the Elks and the Order of Railway Conductors, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Presbyterian church and the activity which he manifests in church affairs, giving his aid and cooperation at all times to the organized efforts which are put forth for the growth and upbuilding of the church.

JOHN W. SMALLEY.

An eminent jurist once said, "Some people succeed because of talent, some through the influence of friends, some by luck, but the great majority by commencing life without a shilling." The fact that success is attainable without the advantages of wealth or influence or fortunate circumstances is one of the most encouraging things in this world, for each individual feels that the opportunity for advancement is, at least in a measure, his. Mr. Smalley belongs to the class whose financial resources at the outset were limited, but gradually he has worked his way upward in the business world and is now prospering as the proprietor of the Model Laundry with factory and offices on North Walnut street. He was born October 15, 1873, in Higginsville, Illinois, a son of John H. and Rhoda (Snyder) Smalley. The father engaged in merchandising in Danville for a number of years, coming to this city when a man of mature years. He is now engaged in the real-estate business here and is widely and favorably known in that connection. His family numbered three children, his daughters being Emma and Lottie Smalley.

The youngest of the family is John W. Smalley of this review, who acquired his education in the public schools of Danville, pursuing his studies to the age of eighteen when he began working in a laundry. He thoroughly mastered the business, becoming familiar with it in principal and detail and about eight years ago he opened a laundry of his own, starting, however, on a small scale. By good management, reasonable prices, excellent workmanship and fair dealing he has built up the business to its present gratifying proportions, keeping it always up to a high standard.

On the 6th of August, 1907, Mr. Smalley was married to Miss Julia Belle Learnard, a daughter of Albert and Mary Jane (Le Neve) Learnard. In Danville they have a wide acquaintance and many friends and they are known as

consistent members of the First Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Smalley is very prominent in fraternal organizations, holding membership with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Red Men, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Legion. His friends recognize that his good qualities are many and he is numbered among the public-spirited citizens, for his interests center in those things wherein the welfare and progress of the community are involved.

THOMAS NOONE.

Thomas Noone, a liveryman of Danville, where he has made his home since 1899, was born in Ireland in 1881. His father, Frank Noone, also a native of that country, was born about 1830 and continued to reside on the Emerald isle until his death, which occurred in 1885. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Eleanor Nestor, was born in Ireland in 1835. They were the parents of ten children: Mary, the wife of James Costello, who is living in Ireland; Patrick, who married Bridget Cunniff and is a resident of Danville; Hugh, also of this city; Frank, who wedded Mary Quinn and is still living in Ireland; Kittie, the wife of Philip Sconce, of Vermilion county; Nora, deceased; John, who married Minnie Olehy and makes his home in Danville; Margaret, the wife of a Mr. Hansen, of Chicago; Bridget, deceased; and Thomas.

The last named spent the greater part of his youth in his native land, being a young man of eighteen years when he sailed from Ireland to the new world. He had acquired his education in the schools of his native country and, actuated by a commendable ambition to win success through the improvement of the better opportunities offered in America, he made his way to this country and took up his abode in Danville in 1899. Here he turned his attention to the livery business and later in partnership with Ed Bolton engaged in the undertaking business at No. 734 East Main street. At the end of the first year, however, he sold his interest to Mr. Bolton. In 1907, in association with Dan O'Brien, he purchased John Noone's interest in the livery business at No. 728 East Main street and continued there for a year and a half, after which he sold out to Herman Cook. He now occupies the new building that his brother erected at No. 736 East Main street. He has a good livery barn and is accorded a liberal patronage so that his business is being attended with gratifying success.

Mr. Noone was married in 1910 to Miss Mame Sweeney, a daughter of Patrick Sweeney, who was born in Ireland in 1850 and came to Vermilion county in 1880. He is now engaged in the coal business in Tilton, this county. After arriving in America he wedded Miss Mary McCarty, who was born in County Kerry, Ireland, but was brought to the United States when only two years of age. She died in Danville in 1904. Her family numbered ten children: Julia and Catherine, who are living with their father; John, who married Pearl Boggs and resides in Peoria; Mame, who is a twin sister of John and the wife of Mr. Noone; Edward, Margaret and Aurelia, all yet at home.

Three are deceased. Mrs. Noone was educated at St. Joseph's Academy of the Woods and at St. Mary's Academy of Danville.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Noone are members of the Catholic church and fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen, with the Foresters and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He has never felt any occasion to regret his determination to come to the United States, for here he has found the business opportunities which he sought and in their improvement has won a gratifying measure of success.

GEORGE MASON WRIGHT.

That Danville offers good opportunities to her residents is proven by the fact that many of the men now engaged successfully in business here are numbered among her native sons. Such is the case with George Mason Wright, whose birth occurred in this city May 4, 1870, and who is now engaged in the manufacture of ice under the name of the Danville Artificial Ice Company. His enterprise has become one of considerable proportions, returning to the owner a gratifying prosperity.

Mason M. Wright, the father, was born in Worthington, Ohio, December 15, 1832, and his parents were Potter and Teresa Wright. The ancestral history is traced back to Rhode Island, in which state Potter Wright was born, removing thence to Ohio at an early period in the development of the Buckeye state. For many years members of his family remained as prominent and influential citizens of that community. They were advocates of the Episcopal faith and were loyal to all those interests which promote upright manhood and honorable citizenship. Both Potter and Teresa Wright passed away in Worthington, Ohio, in which city their marriage had been celebrated.

Mason M. Wright remained upon the home farm until twenty-one or twenty-two years of age, and then went to Noblesville, where he carried on merchandising for a few years. He was afterward for some years a resident of Marysville, Illinois, and later of Higginsville, in which place he owned and conducted a dry-goods store. Disposing of his interests there in 1868, he came to Danville and in partnership with John C. Short conducted a private banking business for two or three years. He next purchased a mill owned by Mr. Handerson, and carried on the business under the name of the Danville Mills. His keen business discernment, initiative spirit and unfaltering enterprise were manifest in the successful conduct of that venture and, extending his activities into other fields, he also built hominy mills which he carried on until his death, the business constituting a source of general as well as of individual prosperity in that it furnished employment to a number of workmen. The output found ready sale in the home market and was also shipped quite extensively. As the years passed Mr. Wright became interested in real estate and was the owner of considerable property.

Politically Mason M. Wright was a republican but the honors and emoluments of office had no attraction for him. He preferred that his time and attention should be given to his business and to his home interests, and no man was more devoted to the welfare of his family. His happiness centered there and he found no greater joy than in ministering to the welfare of wife and children. His life record, viewed in its entirety, is that of one who held to high ideals yet followed practical methods in their attainment, winning at once both success and an honored name.

Mason M. Wright was married September 19, 1865, to Mrs. Anna E. Forbes, a native of Newark, Ohio, and a daughter of William and Margaret (Davis) Robinson, who were likewise natives of the Buckeye state. In the year 1850 the Robinson family came to Danville where the father died the following year. In the family were four daughters and a son, including Mrs. Wright, who by her marriage became the mother of three children, George M., Genevieve M. and Judson M., all of Danville.

The first named, well known in this city where his entire life has been passed, entered the public schools at the usual age and passed through consecutive grades until, putting aside his text-books, he entered business life in connection with the milling enterprise that his father had established. Following his father's death he took charge of the mill which he conducted for some time, after which he purchased the business that he is now conducting under the name of the Danville Artificial Ice Company. In this field of manufacture he is meeting with success, the output of his plant finding ready and increasing sale. He has already proven in his business career that he possesses those qualities which are essential elements in success, while his initiative spirit has enabled him to broaden his interests and thereby promote his prosperity.

In 1895, at Crawfordsville, Indiana, Mr. Wright was married to Miss Isabel Allen, who was born in 1871, a daughter of Judge James M. Allen. Her father's birth occurred in Kentucky, March 3, 1827, his parents being William and Elizabeth Allen, who were natives of Virginia and of Scotch-Irish descent. Removing to Kentucky, William Allen there followed the occupation of farming. Judge Allen took up the study of law at Rockville, Indiana, teaching and attending school by turns. He became a student in the law school at Bloomington, Indiana, and the thoroughness of his course there is indicated by the fact that in 1852 he was admitted to the bar. After practicing law in Rockville and in Lawrenceburg, he went to Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1863, and attained a position of distinction at the bar of that state, where he was called to the office of prosecuting attorney and also elected judge of the superior court. He was numbered among the able and distinguished jurists of that place, his success indicating his comprehensive understanding of the law and his correct application of its principles. He married Henrietta Wedding, a daughter of Judge Randolph Wedding, one of the early settlers of Randolph county, Indiana. The death of Judge Allen occurred January 1, 1892. His daughter, Isabel, was a pupil in the schools of Terre Haute until graduated from the high school with the class of 1888.

In his political views Mr. Wright is a republican, thoroughly versed upon the vital questions and issues of the day, yet content that others shall occupy

the political offices. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church and moreover occupy an enviable position in social circles. Their beautiful home at No. 1020 Vermilion street is one of the attractive residences in the city, not only by reason of its fine architecture and tasteful furnishings but also owing to the warm-hearted hospitality there found.

OLOF C. BENSON.

Illinois numbers among her adopted sons many of foreign birth who, leaving home, friends and native country, sought and improved the opportunities for advancement in business lines which the new world offers to those possessed of ambition, industry and perseverance. None, however, have brought with them more substantial qualities, or have proven themselves more progressive and loyal in their support of American interests and institutions, than has Olof C. Benson during a residence in this country of almost four decades.

He is one of Sweden's contributions to the citizenship of Vermilion county, his birth occurring on the 23d of October, 1848. He is a son of Benjamin and Karna (Nelson) Olson, both natives of that country, where they spent their entire lives. The father, who was well known in Sweden for his rare musical ability, was an excellent performer on many instruments and was engaged as a leader of one of the national bands. He passed away in 1851, but his wife long survived him, her death occurring in 1901. Of their family of five children one, Eleanor, died in Sweden. The surviving members are: Johanna, the wife of Nelse Hanson, of Sweden; Bengta, who married John Christianson, of Fairmount; O. C., of this review; and Mary, who is also married and makes her home in Sweden.

The educational advantages which Olof C. Benson received during the period of his boyhood and youth were most meager, being limited to three weeks' study in the schools of his native land. He has, however, become a self-educated man, his lack of tuition being supplemented by extensive study and wide reading in his later years. Losing his father when but three years of age, he was early thrown upon his own resources, and when but fourteen years old took up the task of providing for his own livelihood. His initial step in the business world was in the employ of a mill at Molmer, Sweden, where he remained until twenty-five years of age, his indefatigable effort, close application and earnest labor in the meantime winning him promotions from time to time until he became head miller and manager. During all these years, covering as we might say the formative period of his life, he was learning lessons concerning the value of industry, integrity and self reliance, and the habits thus formed—the character of which was attested by his long continuance in the same position—had vital bearing upon his later career. It was in 1873 that he was persuaded by Andrew Anderson, who was then visiting Sweden, to try his fortunes in the new world. Crossing the Atlantic ocean, he landed at New York, but at once made his way to Danville, Illinois, in company with Mr. Anderson, and began

working for M. M. Wright, with whom he continued for five years. He also accepted a steamship agency in that city, and by this means made as much as fifty dollars per month, in addition to his regular salary. Upon his arrival in Fairmount, in 1883, he became identified with the grain business, and has since continued to devote his attention to that line of activity. He purchased the John Dougherty flour mill, which he conducted until 1896, when it was destroyed by fire. Undaunted, however, by this mishap, which only served as a spur to greater effort on his part, he erected his present mill on the site of the old one, which he has since operated in connection with his elevator. He also became the owner of a mill and elevator at Catlin, Illinois, and for a number of years was busily engaged in the operation of these two large plants, the business of which, under his wise direction and careful management, reached extensive proportions. He still owns and operates the Fairmount mill, although he has since disposed of the plant at Catlin to his son-in-law, I. K. Barley. He has not permitted his grain interests, however, to monopolize his entire time, but has extended his efforts into other fields, and now also owns and operates a blacksmith shop in Fairmount, which is proving most successful. He was one of the organizers of the electric light plant of Fremont and has been president of that institution since its inception, and his various business connections, wisely managed, are proving sources of a most substantial and gratifying profit. The excellent business ability which he has manifested in the conduct of his various interests, and the honorable and progressive methods which he has followed, have won him classification among Fairmount's most representative business men, and he justly deserves the high place to which he has attained in commercial circles here. He is the owner of several residence properties in the city, and his own home is one of the handsomest houses in Fairmount.

In Danville, Illinois, Mr. Benson was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Ellison, who was born in Sweden, October 15, 1846. Her parents passed their entire lives in that country, and she has one sister yet living in Sweden. By her marriage to Mr. Benson she became the mother of four children, as follows: Alvina, who was born June 22, 1879, and is now the wife of I. K. Barley, of Catlin; Emily, born February 5, 1882, who resides at home; and Lilly, born on the 24th of September, 1885, who wedded Dr. O. W. Allison, also of Catlin. The youngest child, Clarence, whose birth occurred August 10, 1887, passed away when but fourteen months old.

Mr. Benson's religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Baptist church, while fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he casts an independent ballot, supporting those men and measures which in his opinion are best adapted to conserve public welfare, and although his has been a life of continuous activity along business lines, nevertheless, he has yet found time to participate in those matters which are of vital importance to the community, and has been a leader in many progressive and important projects. For about twelve years he served as a member of the town council, and something of his standing among his fellow citizens is indicated by the fact that he was elected to that body before he had been in this country long enough to talk in the English language. He it was who instituted the movement for building brick sidewalks in Fairmount—a decided improvement over the old

board walks—and in every movement calculated to promote the city's development and prosperity he has ever been found in the front ranks. He is justly accorded a place among the prominent and representative citizens of Fairmount, for he belongs to that class of men whose enterprising spirit is used not alone for their own benefit. Although born across the water, he is thoroughly American in thought and feeling. Of a strong and rugged nature, he has happily combined in his life the resolution, perseverance and reliability, so characteristic of his nation, with the livelier spirit of progress and enterprise which dominates the new world—a combination which has not only gained him a prominent place in business circles but which speaks for citizenship of the highest type. Nor can his success in life be measured in terms of financial profit alone, for he has won at the same time the unqualified respect and regard of his fellowmen, which far exceeds in value any material gain which might crown his efforts.

CASPER J. LANGLEY.

Casper J. Langley, one of the most prominent and prosperous agriculturists of Vermilion county, is the owner of a valuable farm of four hundred and eighty-four acres in Danville township and makes his home on section 36. His birth occurred in this county in 1835, his parents being Nathaniel and Margaret (Houlthouser) Langley, both of whom were natives of Nelson county, Kentucky. The father was born in the year 1788. In 1826 he came to this county with his wife and here they reared their family of four children. They were numbered among the earliest residents of this part of the state and deserve classification with those honored pioneers whose labors proved such an important factor in the development and upbuilding of an unsettled region.

Casper J. Langley received his education in the district schools of Vermilion county and in early life also became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Throughout his entire business career he has given his undivided attention to farming and has found it a very profitable as well a congenial occupation, being now the owner of four hundred and eighty-four acres of rich and productive land in Danville township. He has ever kept pace with the most advanced methods of agriculture and has long been numbered among the leading and successful citizens of his native county.

In 1865 Mr. Langley was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle Anderson, a native of New York. She was taken to Indiana at an early day and obtained her education in the district schools of Vermilion county, that state. It was also in the Hoosier state that she met and married Casper J. Langley. Their union was blessed with nine children, namely: Mrs. Leona Gibson, Mrs. Nora Mead, Mrs. Maggie Gouty, Mrs. Hortense Gouty, Laura, Roscoe, Joseph, Bessie and Blaine.

Where national questions and issues are involved Mr. Langley supports the men and measures of the republican party but aside from exercising his right of franchise he has taken no active part in politics. Generous and charitable in disposition, the poor and needy never seek his aid in vain, nor is his support

withheld from any movement or measure calculated to promote the general welfare. He has now passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey and receives the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable. Having so long resided with the borders of his county, he is largely familiar with its annals from pioneer times down to the present and can relate many interesting incidents of the early days.

JOSEPH T. CLARK.

For almost thirty years Joseph T. Clark has been identified with the business interests of Danville and today, in partnership with Willard C. Lane, is engaged in the shoe business, conducting what is known as the Golden Rule store at 24-26 North Vermilion street. He was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, on the 4th of August, 1857, and is a son of Elijah H. and Martha N. (Copner) Clark, both natives of Virginia, whence they removed to Indiana in early life. The father was born in Rockingham county, October 5, 1811, of English extraction and the mother of Scotch descent. On coming to America his ancestors first located near Harrisonburg, Virginia. Elijah H. Clark died in Montgomery county, Indiana, September 22, 1874, and his wife who was born November 25, 1833, passed away April 13, 1860.

Reared in the county of his nativity, Joseph T. Clark obtained his early education in the district schools there and for three years after laying aside his text-books was employed on a farm in Montgomery county, Indiana. At the end of that time, however, he began studying law under the direction of John W. Copner, of Covington, Indiana, remaining with him two years, after which he passed the required examination and was admitted to the bar, but ill health necessitated a change and he decided to turn his attention to mercantile pursuits. Accordingly in 1882 he came to Danville and entered the employ of R. A. Short & Company, dealers in dry goods, then located on West Main street. He continued in their service for a period of three years, after which he entered the Golden Rule store, located on East Main street, where he remained about seven years, and during the following decade was with J. W. Allison in the dry-goods business on North Vermilion street. He was with the Emery Dry Goods Company until September, 1900, when, in partnership with Willard C. Lane, he bought the Golden Rule store, which they have since conducted. They carry a large and well selected line of shoes and in living up to the name which they have adopted have built up an excellent trade, which is constantly increasing.

It was on the 5th of January, 1886, in Bloomington, Illinois, that Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Anna B. Hartson, a daughter of Thomas D. Hartson, of that city, and they have become the parents of two children, namely: Guy, born February 27, 1892; and Howard, born January 12, 1898. The birth of both occurred in Danville.

Mr. Clark is an earnest and consistent member of the First Church of Christ and is prominently identified with the Knights of Pythias, having held all of the

offices in that lodge. In politics he is an ardent supporter of the democratic party but has never cared for official preferment. He is a farsighted, progressive business man, whose methods have ever been above reproach, and he has won his success along lines which bear close investigation and scrutiny, for he has never sacrificed the interests of others to further his own prosperity.

HENRY F. DEPKE.

Henry F. Depke, conducting an extensive bottling business at No. 8 Jackson street in Danville, was born near Homewood, Cook county, Illinois, on the 21st of January, 1857. His parents, Henry and Sophia (Breamer) Depke, both of whom were natives of Germany, emigrated to the United States at an early day. After landing in this country the father worked as foreman on a plantation in New Orleans for several years. About 1850 he wedded Miss Sophia Breamer, then a resident of Cook county, Illinois. Following that important event in his life he entered a tract of one hundred and twenty acres of land from the government and took up his abode thereon, devoting his attention to its cultivation and improvement throughout his active career. He passed away on the 26th of June, 1888, being survived for more than two decades by his wife, who was called to her final rest on the 10th of March, 1910.

Unto them were born eleven children, as follows: John F., who died on the 26th of October, 1903; William H., who passed away in February, 1909; Mary, who died when six years of age; Henry F., of this review; Caroline, who passed away in early life; George, whose demise occurred when he was a young man of twenty; Richard, who is married and acts as justice of the peace at Danville; Sophia, who died when twenty-seven years of age; Charles, who is engaged in business at No. 11 Jackson street; Frederick, who passed away in early life; and Minnie, who died in infancy.

Henry F. Depke remained under the parental roof until twenty-six years of age and then worked for his brother for four years. On the expiration of that period he embarked in business on his own account as a wholesale dealer, representing the Finley Brewing Company of Toledo, Ohio, with which concern he has thus been connected almost continuously to the present time. His establishment is located at No. 8 Jackson street in Danville, and he is extensively engaged in the bottling business, handling all kinds of soft drinks. He is the owner of six fine properties in Danville and also has a twenty-acre tract of very valuable land near the city. He is now acting as president of the Germania Building Association, having served as vice president for many years and succeeding to the presidency on the death of Gottlieb Maier.

On the 10th of June, 1884, Mr. Depke was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Sieferman, a daughter of Anselm and Agatha (Kreutzberg) Sieferman, both of whom were natives of Germany. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States at an early day, first locating in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they remained until 1868, which year witnessed their arrival in Danville, Illinois. Here the father successfully carried on business as a cigar manufacturer until 1900, when he re-

tired from active life, spending his remaining days in well earned ease. At the time of his death, which occurred in Danville on the 7th of February, 1909, he was the owner of the Tremont Hotel and also of a fine residence in this city. His widow is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Depke are the parents of two children, as follows: George A., who was born on the 22d of April, 1885; and Edwin C., whose natal day was March 12, 1888.

In politics Mr. Depke is independent, preferring to exercise his right of franchise as his judgment dictates. He has served as assistant supervisor for three years and is widely recognized as a most public-spirited and enterprising citizen. He is a Lutheran in religious faith. Mr. Depke attributes his success in large measure to the cooperation and assistance of his estimable wife, who has proved a cheerful helpmate as well as companion to him. He has made steady progress as the years have gone by and has achieved a measure of prosperity which is most creditable. Moreover, his business methods have ever been honorable and reliable, winning for him the respect and good will of his fellowmen.

WILBUR P. CRAIG.

Wilbur P. Craig, now so efficiently serving as assistant cashier of the Danville National Bank, is one of Vermilion county's native sons, born on a farm near Newtown, October 25, 1874. His father, Asbury Craig, is a farmer by occupation and is still living, but his mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Etta Palmer, died in 1906. His paternal grandparents came to Vermilion county from Kentucky about 1830 and were among the first settlers of the community where they located, living upon a farm there until their death. In their family were nine children, but Robert and Van are now deceased. Those still living are: Asbury, the father of our subject; Elizabeth, the wife of A. B. Tilton, of Champaign, Illinois; Milton, a resident of Danville; Martha, the wife of John Cork; William, also a resident of Danville; John, a farmer of Vermilion county; and Jennie, now the widow of Charles Baum and a resident of Arizona. Our subject's maternal grandfather was the first merchant tailor of Danville, his shop being located on the present site of the Palmer National Bank.

Wilbur P. Craig was reared on the home farm and obtained his early education in the district schools, and on starting out in life for himself followed agricultural pursuits for some time and also engaged in school teaching. On his removal to Danville he was employed as clerk in the woolen mills for a time, and in 1899 entered the Danville National Bank, serving first as bookkeeper and now as assistant cashier. He gradually worked his way upward to his present responsible position, winning the confidence of those over him and the good will and friendship of all with whom he has come in contact.

On the 30th of June, 1897, in this county, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Craig and Miss Lulu Johnson, a daughter of George W. and Mary J. Johnson. On the maternal side her grandmother was among the first settlers of Vermilion county and the family is an old and honored one. Prior to her mar-

riage Mrs. Craig lived on a farm and successfully engaged in teaching school for a time. She has become the mother of four children, namely: Palmer, born March 28, 1898; Rolland, born January 6, 1902; Harold, born October 22, 1904; and Mary, born January 29, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Craig are members of the Kimber Methodist Episcopal church and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity. His political support is given the democratic party, but he has never been an aspirant for office.

F. L. DRAPER.

F. L. Draper, a forceful and able member of the bar of Danville, his native city, was born November 30, 1868, and is a representative of one of the old and honored pioneer families of Vermilion county, his grandfather, Abraham Draper, having located here when the work of progress and development seemed scarcely begun. He bore his share in the task of upbuilding the county and the work was further promoted by his son, A. I. Draper, who was born in this county and for many years was a prominent dry-goods merchant in Danville, conducting his store for three decades. For the past few years he has been engaged in the real estate business and is still classed with the valued citizens here. He married Sarah A. Partlow, a daughter of Reuben Partlow, one of the pioneer residents of the county and one of the founders of the Methodist church in Danville. Mrs. Draper departed this life in 1898, leaving two sons, F. L. and Oscar Draper.

In the public schools of this city the former pursued his education and after putting aside his text-books was connected with his father's dry goods business for five years. But thinking to find professional practice more congenial, he took up the study of law in the office of J. B. Mann and was admitted to the bar in 1890. He then began practice in this city and has since won for himself a creditable place at the Vermilion county bar. He served as judge of the county court for one year, having been appointed to fill out the unexpired term of S. Murray Clark. The zeal with which he has devoted his energies to his profession, the careful regard evinced for the interests of his clients and assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all details of his cases have brought him a large business and made him very successful in its conduct. His arguments have elicited warm commendation not only from his associates at the bar but also from the bench.

In 1897 Mr. Draper was united in marriage to Miss Eva McCarty. His social connections are with the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and other societies. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and he is active in its ranks. He served as a member of the city council in 1905 and 1906 and is now serving for the third term as school trustee. He was also appointed United States commissioner on the 1st of May, 1909, so that he is the present incumbent of that office. His record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that "a prophet is never without honor save in his

own country," for in the city where he was born and reared Mr. Draper has won for himself a creditable position at the bar. An excellent presence, an earnest manner, marked strength of character, a thorough grasp of the law and the ability to correctly apply its principles make him an effective and successful advocate.

BEN G. SIEBERT.

On the roster of county officials in Vermilion county appears the name of Ben G. Siebert, who is now capably serving as circuit clerk, having been elected to that position in 1908. His birth occurred in New York city on the 26th of January, 1883, his parents being John and Katherine Siebert, also natives of New York state. He was left an orphan at a tender age and came to this county when a lad of nine years. In the acquirement of an education he attended the schools here and also pursued a course in the Valparaiso Business College, thus fitting himself for office work. In 1900 he became deputy sheriff and ably discharged the duties devolving upon him in that connection until 1908, when he was honored by election to the office of circuit clerk as the republican candidate.

On the 26th of January, 1910, Mr. Siebert was united in marriage to Miss Edna Blackford, a native of Vermilion county and a daughter of James Blackford, a native of Vermilion county and a daughter of James Blackford, an old and respected resident of Danville. Fraternally Mr. Siebert is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen and the Eagles. Mr. and Mrs. Siebert reside in Danville, where they have a host of warm friends.

ARTHUR F. JOHNSTON.

Arthur F. Johnston, who for the past eight years has conducted a blacksmith shop at No. 31 South Vermilion street in Danville, enjoys a substantial and gratifying patronage in this connection. His birth occurred in Jefferson county, Illinois, on the 5th of July, 1878, his parents being J. A. and Margaret C. (Daniels) Johnston, who were natives of Tennessee and Illinois respectively. They were married in the latter state and subsequently located on a farm near Mount Vernon, Jefferson county, the father devoting his attention to its operation until 1901. The mother had passed away in 1887 but the children all remained on the old homestead farm with their father until they were married. J. A. Johnston now leases the homestead property and is engaged in the elevator and sawmill business at Bonnie, Illinois. Unto him and his wife were born nine children, namely: Lillian, Dell, Belle, Arthur F., Augustavus A., Virgil L., Oliver L. and two daughters who died in infancy.

Arthur F. Johnston attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and also pursued a business course by correspondence. He re-

mained at home until twenty-one years of age and then rented a tract of land, giving his attention to its cultivation for two years. On the expiration of that period he sold his personal property and came to Danville, Illinois, entering the service of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad as a blacksmith. At the end of six months he secured employment in a coal mine and general repair shop, there working at his trade until 1902. In that year he embarked in business as a blacksmith on his own account, purchasing a shop at No. 31 South Vermilion street, where he has remained continuously since, having won a liberal patronage.

On the 25th of December, 1898, Mr. Johnston was united in marriage to Miss Cora Lynch, a native of Jefferson county, Illinois, and a daughter of John W. and Mary J. (Hayes) Lynch, who were likewise born in that county. Mrs. Johnston was the second in order of birth in a family of six children, the others being as follows: Nora, Gilbert, Duke, Bessie and Lela. Our subject and his wife have three children: Bessie V., whose natal day was July 3, 1901; John R., whose birth occurred April 1, 1904; and Lila F., who was born on the 4th of February, 1910.

In politics Mr. Johnston is a stanch republican but his aspirations have not been in the line of office holding. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church and he is also a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to lodge No. 38 at Danville. Although still a young man, he has already won a creditable measure of success in his chosen trade and is socially popular as well, his unfailing courtesy and unfeigned cordiality having gained him many friends.

L. M. BLACK.

L. M. Black, whose entire life has been spent on the farm where he now resides, is widely recognized as one of the substantial and respected citizens of Catlin township. His birth occurred on the 11th of July, 1870, his parents being S. W. and Margaret J. (Graves) Black, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Danville township, Vermilion county, Illinois. The father was brought to Illinois by his parents when but three years of age, the family home being established in Vermilion county. In 1852 he purchased a farm in this county for three dollars per acre and the property has remained his home almost continuously since. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. He is also a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, having been identified therewith for many years. Both he and his wife still survive and enjoy a wide and favorable acquaintance here. Unto them were born eight children, four of whom are yet living, namely: James G., who is a resident of Casey, Illinois; Ernest G., living in Georgetown, Illinois; Mary E., the wife of Joseph Smith, of Ridge Farm, Illinois; and L. M., of this review.

The last named was reared under the parental roof and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. When twenty-one years of age

He took charge of the old homestead farm and its operation has claimed his attention continuously since. That he keeps in touch with the modern spirit of progress which is manifested in agricultural lines and that his knowledge of farming is both thorough and comprehensive is indicated by the highly improved appearance of his place, upon which are found substantial buildings and all of the modern accessories necessary for facilitating farm labor.

On the 14th of February, 1906, Mr. Black was united in marriage to Miss Cora Sisson, who was born in Paris, Illinois, on the 10th of February, 1881, her parents being John A. and Laura J. (Conley) Sisson, natives of Kentucky. In 1855 they took up their permanent abode in Illinois and the father still lives here, being now in his seventy-eighth year. The mother's demise occurred on June 11, 1908. They reared a family of nine children, eight of whom yet survive. Mr. and Mrs. Black have two children, as follows: Dale S., whose natal day was January 21, 1907; and Dorothy M., whose birth occurred April 14, 1909.

Mr. Black is a staunch republican in politics but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for his party fealty. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America at Georgetown, while both he and his wife belong to the Christian church. They are well known in social circles and enjoy in large measure the friendship and kindly regard of those with whom they have been brought in contact.

HARRY RAIMER.

Harry Raimer, who has continuously resided in Danville for more than a half century, was for many years actively and successfully identified with the business interests of the city as a merchant tailor but is now living in honorable retirement. His birth occurred in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on the 23d of February, 1833, his parents being Joseph and Sallie Raimer. The father followed general agricultural pursuits in Lancaster county throughout his active business career and spent his entire life in the Keystone state, his remains being interred at Boldsburg.

Harry Raimer attended school at Boldsburg until fourteen years of age and then began learning the tailor's trade, working at that occupation until he had attained his majority but receiving no monetary compensation for his services. When twenty-one years of age he started out upon an independent career as a tailor and after spending about two years in Boldsburg went to Lewistown, where he remained for a similar period. He then made his home in Milesburg for a year and next went to Pittsburg, while later he removed to Logansport, Indiana. Thence he returned home but later journeyed westward to Peru, Indiana, then to La Fayette and afterward to West Point and Attica, Indiana. The 28th of November, 1858, witnessed his arrival in Danville, Illinois, and here he purchased a stock of goods and embarked in business as a merchant tailor. His patronage steadily increased as the years passed by and prosperity rewarded his efforts, so that he is now enabled to spend the even-

ing of life in well earned ease. He is well known as one of the prominent and respected residents of Danville and justly merits the proud American title of a self-made man.

On the 2d of May, 1860, Mr. Raimer was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Peyton, a native of Clinton county, Ohio. Unto them were born seven children, as follows: Lucy and William, both deceased; Edward, who wedded Miss Millie McKee, by whom he has four children—John, Edward, Mack and Amelia; George, who is a resident of Portland; May, who is the wife of Frank Gibbs, of Portland and has two children, Helen and Frederick; and two who died in infancy.

At the polls Mr. Raimer supports the men and measures of the republican party and he has ever been a most public-spirited and loyal citizen, taking an active and helpful interest in the general welfare. In all the relations of life he has manifested those sterling traits of manhood which command confidence and awaken regard and is therefore well worthy of the esteem uniformly accorded him.

HERMAN W. BARTEL.

Herman W. Bartel, president of the company which is now successfully operating what is known as the Danville Star Laundry, was born in Germany, July 17, 1865, but was only a year old on the emigration of his parents, Henry and Dorothy Marguerite (Wilhelms) Bartel, to America, the family reaching this country on the 1st of September, 1866. They first located in Sauk county, Wisconsin, where the father engaged in farming, and amid rural surroundings our subject passed his boyhood and youth. He received his primary education in his home district and later attended a German Lutheran school. On the completion of his education he sought and obtained a position in Reedsburg, Wisconsin, with Gale Seifert & Company, hardware merchants, as general utility boy, his only resources at that time being an indomitable will, the desire to advance and to faithfully serve his employers. He remained with that firm for a period of five years, during which he thoroughly learned the hardware business.

His training there well fitted him to fill the higher position which he obtained on coming to Danville, Illinois, in 1887. Owing to his experience and knowledge he found no difficulty in securing employment and entered the service of Thomas Conron, then the leading hardware dealer of Danville, conducting the business now carried on under the name of the Thomas Conron Hardware Company, with which he remained for a period of years. Having saved his earnings, he then formed a copartnership with John A. O'Brien and established a small laundry, which was first located at No. 25 College street but later removed to No. 145 Vermilion street and subsequently to No. 25 North Jackson street, each removal being necessitated by the demands of their growing business. They recently located in their present quarters at Nos. 208-210 East Van Buren street, where they erected a suitable building and installed machinery of the most modern type known to the laundry trade. They now employ on an average of forty-

five persons in the work and management of their business, which has grown from the smallest to one of the largest concerns of the kind in the county. They also operated a dyeing establishment for one year, which was conducted under the name of the Danville Dry Cleaning Company, and was located at No. 220 West Main street, where they also employed quite a large force of skilled operatives. In 1907 the business was incorporated and is now conducted under the name of the Danville Star Laundry with Herman W. Bartel as president; Margaret O'Brien, vice president; and John A. O'Brien, secretary and treasurer.

On the 24th of December, 1897, at Williamsport, Indiana, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Bartel and Miss Lydia Colson Musgrove, whose parents are old residents of Danville, while her father is a veteran of the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Bartel have two children, namely: Helen C., born August 6, 1899, and Fern M., born September 17, 1901.

The family are communicants of the Lutheran church and in his social relations Mr. Bartel is connected with the Industrial Club of Danville. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In politics he affiliates with the republican party but has never cared for office, his time being fully occupied with his business affairs. Yet his efforts have not been entirely devoted to his own advancement but have been potent factors in the growth and development of the community at large, the consensus of public opinion according him a high place among the honored and valued citizens of Danville.

C. M. PRATHER.

C. M. Prather, a member of the Prather family of Vermilion county, needs no introduction to his fellow townsmen. The name of Prather has figured long and prominently in connection with the agricultural development of this section of the state and to the work of farming C. M. Prather has devoted his life and is today the owner of two hundred and eighteen acres of valuable land in Ross township. He is a son of William and Mary Prather and was educated in the district schools, while spending his boyhood days under the parental roof. The farm where he now resides is the old family homestead, upon which his father settled at an early day and where all of the children of William Prather were born and reared. Here C. M. Prather early learned the lessons of life—industry, integrity and enterprise, and was trained to farm work in such a manner that he was well qualified to take charge of the farm after attaining his majority. He is both persevering and diligent and his methods are practical, while the spirit of progress characterizes him in all that he undertakes. The farm comprises five hundred and twenty acres owned by C. M., M. W. and Nancy A. Prather; the land is rich and arable so that excellent crops are harvested as the reward of the labor bestowed upon the fields during the time of planting and cultivation.

In 1895 Mr. Prather was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Held, a daughter of Henry and Nancy Held, the former a native of Bavaria, Germany, and a har-

ness maker by trade. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Prather have been born four children, William H., Merle, Lucile and Louisa. The family are prominent socially in the community and the hospitality of many of the best homes of Vermilion county is freely accorded them.

Aside from his business, in which he is meeting with excellent success, Mr. Prather finds time to devote to the public welfare and his labors constitute an element in improvement and upbuilding. Since 1885 he has been officially connected with the schools as a director and has also served as clerk of the board. He belongs to the Presbyterian church and his life has been an upright and honorable one, characterized by all the qualities of truth and upright manhood.

JOHN H. FENDLEY.

John H. Fendley, whose business activity is a resultant factor in the attainment of his success, is now conducting a profitable enterprise as a real-estate dealer. A native of Vermilion county, he was born in Catlin on the 18th of May, 1870, and is a son of John S. Fendley whose birth occurred in Parke county, Indiana, October 26, 1839. In 1860 the father removed from his native state to Illinois and settled on a farm southeast of Catlin. In connection with its operation he was also engaged in general merchandising in that state until 1875, when he removed to Ridge Farm and followed mercantile pursuits at that place until 1889. In that year he disposed of his store and became deputy head consul for the Modern Woodmen of America, first under J. C. Root and later under Lieutenant Governor Northcott, controlling eastern Illinois and western Indiana. He organized all of the many camps within that territory and continued his labors for the Woodmen up to within four years of his death, when he resigned owing to ill health, and lived retired until he passed away in Danville on the 12th of February, 1910. He had been a resident of this city for eighteen years, having come here in 1892.

In 1859, John S. Fendley was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Lydick, a native of Montgomery county, Indiana, whose parents removed to that state from Kentucky, as did also the paternal grandparents of our subject. Of the seven children born of this union, three died in infancy, the others being: James W., who was born May 18, 1860, and is now a resident of Danville, being department manager for the clothing firm of Reis, Strauss & Company; Lily, the wife of Charles M. Boaz, a resident of Danville; John H., whose name introduces this sketch, and Lue, the wife of James H. Kitchen, a contractor and builder of Danville.

The schools of Farm Ridge afforded our subject his early educational advantages and he was graduated in 1887. Two years later he entered the employ of A. J. Darnell in the general merchandise business at Farm Ridge, where he continued until the fall of 1892. That year witnessed his arrival in Danville, where he found employment in the clothing store of Ike Stern which, on the death of Mr. Stern, came into the possession of Reis, Strauss & Company, with whom he remained until 1905. He then severed his connection with that busi-

ness and turned his attention to real-estate, since which time he has handled a large amount of city property and northwestern land, principally in Dakota. He has built up a very large and profitable business and is today regarded as one of the most wide-awake and progressive citizens of Danville.

In the First Christian church of Danville, Mr. Fendley was married May 9, 1898, to Miss Grace E. Dickerson, by Rev. Sam Jones. She was born on the 3rd of August, 1875, in Athens county, Ohio, a daughter of Joseph E. and Martha Dickerson, who were natives of Ohio but became residents of Danville at an early day. Her father is now deceased but her mother is still living and makes her home with her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Fendley have two children, namely: Maurine, who was born in Danville, August 4, 1899, and John S., born January 25, 1902.

At national elections Mr. Fendley gives his support to the democratic party but in local elections is independent, supporting the men and measures that he believes will best advance the public welfare. He takes quite an active interest in political affairs and does all in his power to promote those interests calculated to advance the material and moral welfare of the community in which he lives. He and his family hold membership in the Christian church and he is also identified with Northcott Camp, Modern Woodmen of America. He has always lived in Vermilion county and the fact that many of his staunch friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time is an indication that his courage in life has been that of honorable, upright manhood.

A. W. ROSEBERRY.

A. W. Roseberry, successfully engaged in business as a coal dealer of Danville, is the senior member of the firm of Roseberry & Wann, conducting an enterprise of this character at No. 304 East Harrison street. His birth occurred at Camp Point, Illinois, on the 10th of September, 1857, his parents being I. J. and Nannie (Williams) Roseberry, both of whom were natives of Indiana. The father came to Illinois when a young man and engaged in business as a contractor and builder of Camp Point until 1867, when he removed to Berlin, this state. In 1869 he took up his abode in Piatt county and there spent the remainder of his life, passing away in 1906. His aid and cooperation could always be counted upon to further any movement or measure calculated to advance the general welfare and his fellow townsmen honored him by election to several local offices. His wife was called to her final rest in 1910.

A. W. Roseberry obtained his education in the public schools of Mansfield, Illinois, and subsequently followed the profession of teaching in Piatt county for three years, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. On abandoning educational interests he became identified with railroad work, first acting as station agent for the Wabash and Northern Pacific Railroads and afterward entering the supply department of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad at Danville, which position he held for twelve years. In August, 1907, he embarked in the coal business on his own account and the

following year admitted B. C. Wann to a partnership under the firm style of Roseberry & Wann. The enterprise has enjoyed a steady growth and is proving a profitable undertaking.

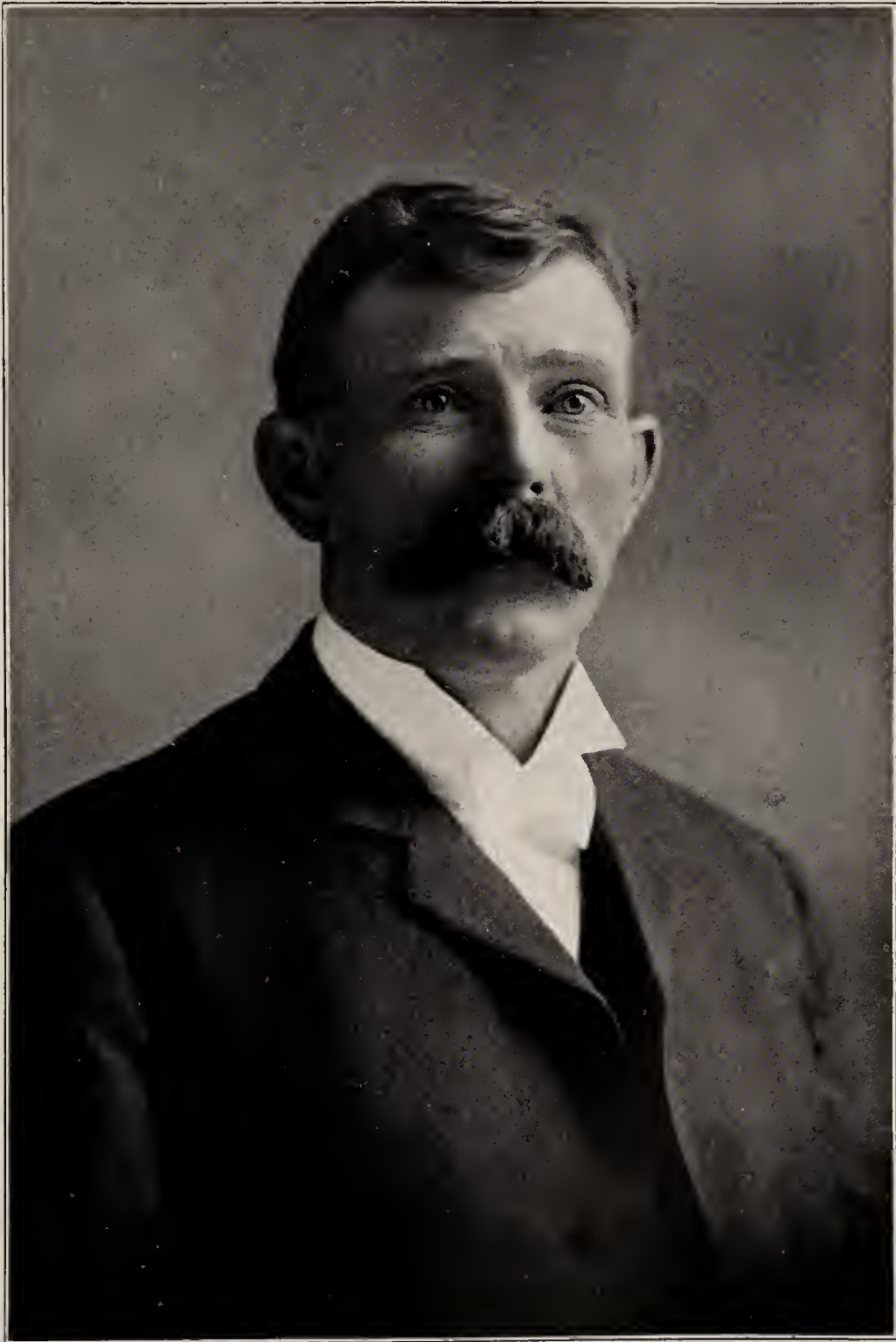
In 1884 Mr. Roseberry was united in marriage to Miss Ollie L. Fleming, a native of Ohio. They have two children, namely: Earl M., of the Kittle-Roseberry Electric Company; and Ralph E., who is in the service of the Second National Bank. Fraternally Mr. Roseberry is identified with the Modern Woodmen. His life has been a busy, industrious and useful one, and his relative worth is widely recognized by his fellow townsmen.

FRANCIS M. GUSTIN.

Among the well known fraternal men of Danville, also a business man of acknowledged ability, is Francis M. Gustin. He is a native of the Buckeye state, born in Butler county, Ohio, in 1849, a son of John B. and Elizabeth (Dearth) Gustin. The former was born in Warren county, Ohio, in 1824 and his father, Banajah Gustin, was one of four brothers who came from England at an early day and settled in Vermont. The mother was born in 1829 in Butler county and was married in Ohio, coming to Indiana with her husband and family in 1852. Their children were: Francis M., our subject; Mary Theodosia, who died in infancy; Charles Elwin, who died at ten years of age; William Horace, who married Fannie Lamb and is the father of one daughter; Elbert Rush, who married Caroline Duckwall; Cassius O., who married Emma Crise and is now deceased; Emma J., who died at eighteen years of age; Edward C., who married Carrie Shepler and has three sons living.

The subject of this review came with his parents to Indiana when he was three years of age and has but a dim recollection of the overland trip to the new home in the west. He was reared upon the home farm and educated in the common schools, becoming thoroughly acquainted with the various details of agriculture and stock-raising as he grew up. At twenty years of age he began working by the month for State Senator Miller, of Miami county, this state, and after taking unto himself a partner for life, he rented the same farm upon which he had been working and cultivated it independently for a number of years, gaining a great deal of experience in business affairs that has assisted him very materially in other lines. Removing to Danville in 1890, he entered the livery business and for ten years leased the place he now occupies. At the expiration of that period he bought the building which he has remodeled and transformed into one of the most attractive structures of the kind in this part of the country. He has now been in the livery business in Danville for twenty years and, being a man who keeps up-to-date in anything with which he is connected, the horses and vehicles of his establishment are recognized anywhere in the county by their attractive appearance. His business has shown a growth from year to year which indicates liberal returns upon the investment.

In 1873, at Paw Paw, Miami county, Indiana, occurred the marriage of Mr. Gustin and Miss Alice C. Osfall, who was born in 1853 in that county, a daugh-



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ter of Joseph and Barbara Osfall. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gustin two died in infancy. Lewis V., born in 1875, was married in 1901 to Dorothy Hanna and is now engaged in the undertaking business in Chicago. Ralph E., born in 1877, was married in 1902 to Myrtle Clapp, and they had two children, Raymond, deceased, and Harold, now at home with his parents in Rockford, Illinois, where his father is engaged in the undertaking business. Clarence M., born in 1880, married Mamie Hine in 1904, and one child has been born to them, Marjorie. The father is engaged in the livery business a few doors south of our subject's establishment on Walnut street in Danville.

Mr. Gustin is a valued member of the Methodist church and a stanch believer in the Bible. He was reared a republican and has always adhered to that party. Although not a seeker for public office he served as assessor in one of the largest townships of Miami county, Indiana. Up to the time of his election two years had been the length of term for an assessor but the period was then extended to four years. He was reelected for a term of four years and after serving eight years in office, on account of a change in the law, he was a hold-over for another year, making a continuous period of nine years during which he served as assessor of his township.

Fraternally Mr. Gustin is one of the prominent men of the state. He is now past representative of Danville Lodge, No. 69, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Marsh Encampment, No. 46, also a member of Canton Danville, No. 11, and Mercy Rebekah Lodge, No. 72, all of which organizations are identified with Odd Fellowship. He has passed through all of the chairs from the lowest to the highest in the subordinate lodge of Odd Fellows, and at the present time is serving as grand senior warden of the Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of the state of Illinois. He is also a thirty-second degree Mason and holds membership in Olive Branch Lodge, No. 38; Vermilion Chapter, No. 82, R. A. M.; and the Oriental Consistory of Chicago. In addition to the various lodges named he is a member of Vermilion Camp, No. 254, Modern Woodmen of America; Paughcaughnaughtsinque Tribe, No. 73, I. O. R. M., and Loyal American Lodge, No. 144. Mr. Gustin is a man of strong social characteristics and has a host of friends in the organizations with which he is connected. He has never, however, neglected his business affairs and is known as one of the energetic and successful business men of Vermilion county, whose word is as good as his bond and who is ever ready to assist in forwarding the best interests of his state, his county or his town.

WILLIAM H. TAYLOR.

It is seldom that one remains active in business or official circles when he has attained the age reached by William H. Taylor, who has recently celebrated the seventy-ninth anniversary of his birth. He is, however, a member of the police force of Danville, occupying the position for twelve years or more. He was formerly identified with the fire department and in every public relation of life has proven himself worthy of the trust reposed in him. He was born in

Somerset, Perry county, Ohio, July 13, 1831. His father, Hugh Taylor, a native of Delaware, was born November 19, 1788, and died June 3, 1845. He was a brickmaker by trade and the last work that he did of that kind was in manufacturing brick used in the building of the courthouse at Somerset. He married Susan Snow, who was born September 1, 1801. She was descended from Revolutionary ancestry, her grandfather having been a captain of the war for independence. Unto Hugh and Susan (Snow) Taylor there were born four sons and four daughters: Elizabeth, the eldest, became the wife of Judge Greer, of Decatur, who for twenty-two years was the honored county judge of Macon county. Mary became the wife of John E. Rosette, who in 1865 was appointed United States district attorney for the state of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Rosette had four daughters, three of whom married officers in the United States army—Cynthia, the wife of Colonel Rucker; Annie, the wife of Major Bennett; and Leone, the wife of General Hennessy. All were stationed on the Pacific coast. John S. Taylor, the third member of the family, became first lieutenant of Company B, One Hundred and Sixteenth Illinois Infantry, and was killed at Arkansas Post, January 11, 1863. William H. is the next of the family. Susan Taylor became the wife of John Blackford. Unto them were born four sons. Walter Taylor died in Charleston, Illinois, in July, 1910. although he had made his home in El Paso, Texas, for over thirty years. Sarah became the wife of Robert Hodgen, a real estate man of Charleston, Illinois. Robert K. Taylor, the youngest, is a resident of Detroit, Michigan.

William H. Taylor attended the country schools of his native county in his boyhood days and in early life learned the sadler's and harnessmaker's trade. The Civil war, however, found him imbued with a strong spirit of patriotism and in 1862 he offered his services to the government, joining the One Hundred and Seventh Regiment of Illinois Infantry, with which he served for nearly three years, when he was mustered out at the close of the war. He acted as sergeant and color bearer and engaged in all of the principal battles in which his regiment took part. He was wounded at Franklin, Tennessee, November 30, 1864, this being one of the hardest battles of the war; eleven Confederate generals being killed or wounded in the engagement, seven being killed outright. There were more generals killed and disabled in forty-five minutes in that battle than met death in the three days' battle of Gettysburg. Three of these generals were found in the ditch of the breastworks. All four brothers of the Taylor family were soldiers of the Civil war and the military record of the family is a most creditable one.

After the close of hostilities, in 1865, William H. Taylor came to Danville and began working at the trade of saddle-making, continuing in that business in the employ of others until 1870, when he began the manufacture of saddles and harness on his own account. He continued in that line until 1876, when he retired from business to enter the public service as chief of the Danville fire department, having organized the first fire department of this city. Already he had had some connection with official duties for in 1871 he had been elected alderman of the fourth ward and in 1873, having removed to the second ward, was elected to represent that portion of the city in the council. He was then made chief of the fire department, in which connection he served for four years.

After two years' service on the police force he resumed work at the saddler's trade, in which he was engaged for four years, while subsequently he was appointed captain of the chemical engine and so continued for a year. He was next made chief of the fire department under W. L. Runyan, under whom he occupied the position for two years, while for nine years he held the office under Kimbraugh. For twelve years Mr. Taylor has been a member of the police force and is today its oldest member both in years and point of service. In fact, he is probably the oldest police officer on active duty in this part of the country. He is affectionately termed "Uncle Billie" by the other members of the force and is recognized as one of Danville's prominent citizens.

In August, 1852, Mr. Taylor was married to Miss Catherine Hill, and they became parents of one child, Laura, who married George E. Giddings, of Danville, and died August 10, 1891, leaving a daughter, Caroline, who is now the wife of Edward Rea, of Urbana, Illinois. The death of Mrs. Taylor occurred in 1855 and in 1858 Mr. Taylor wedded Mary R. Smith, of Farmer City, De Witt county, Illinois, who died January 14, 1909. There were four children born of this marriage: Luella T., the widow of Ewing A. Coombs, who was a newspaper man of Omaha, Nebraska; Will S., connected with the Signal Block System of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad; Mrs. Fannie McDonald, a widow who has three children—Jim, Robert and William T.; and Mrs. Maud L. Norman, a widow living in San Francisco, California.

Mr. Taylor has always given his political support to the republican party. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. Sixty-two years ago he joined the Methodist church, but later transferred his membership to the present connection. He is a valued member of the Grand Army of the Republic and for fourteen years has been chaplain of the post, officiating at every funeral of a post comrade who has passed away. He was no more loyal as a soldier of the Civil war than he is in days of peace, his patriotism being one of his marked characteristics while his devotion to duty none question.

CHARLES KLAGE.

Charles Klage, now serving as captain in the Danville fire department, was born in this city on the 5th of July, 1879, of German parentage. His father, William Klage, was born and reared in Germany and there married Miss Christina Volene, also a native of that country, where they continued to make their home until 1872, which year witnessed their arrival in America. On reaching the shores of the new world they came at once to Danville, where they have since made their home, the father being engaged in coal mining. In their family are eight children, namely: Mary, now the wife of Robert Swift, a resident of Danville; Emma, the wife of Louis Bremmer, also of Danville; Minnie, the wife of Albert Hacher, of this city; John, who married Lena Gasser and lives in Covington, Indiana; Charles, of this review; Frederick, who married Beulah Douglas and resides in Danville; Augusta, the wife of Herman Brown, of Danville; and Otto, who is still with his parents.

Charles Klage obtained his education in the public schools of his native city, where he continued his studies until sixteen years old. He was then apprenticed to learn the tinner's trade with E. H. Brandt, of Danville, for whom he worked for three years, who was then employed as a journeyman tinner for a period of fourteen years. On the 13th of May, 1909, he joined the Danville fire department and has since been promoted to captain of No. 5. Brave and fearless, he is well fitted for the position he now holds and in the discharge of his duties has given the utmost satisfaction.

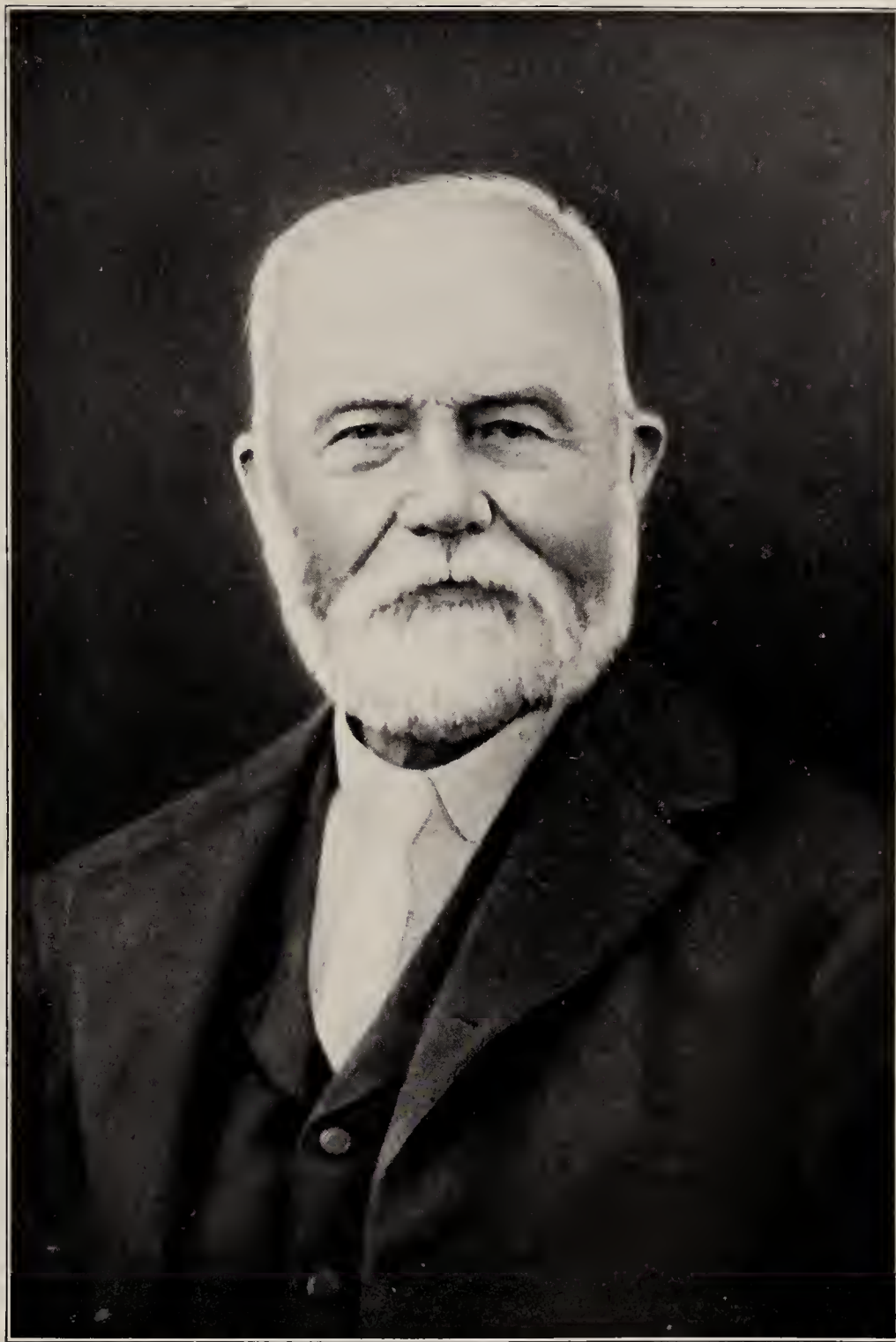
Mr. Klage was married in Danville in 1901 to Miss Minnie Barth, a daughter of Ernest and Minnie Barth, who came to Danville at an early day and are still residents of this city. This union has been blessed by two children: Albert, born June 17, 1903; and Helen, born May 28, 1906. Religiously Mr. Klage is connected with the German Lutheran church and politically is identified with the democratic party, but he has never sought or desired office. He is one of the representative citizens of Danville and is a man held in high esteem by all who know him.

ANDREW HOSCH.

Andrew Hosch is known as one of the successful farmers of Vermilion county having for nearly fifty years been a resident of this county and has contributed through the energy and perseverance which he inherited from worthy ancestors to its development. He was born in Germany, October 10, 1831, and is a son of John and Margaret Hosch, who were natives of the fatherland and came to America about 1860, living with their son until their death. The mother was called to her repose about four years after the family settled in Vermilion county. The father survived for many years and departed this life in 1890.

Andrew Hosch was educated in his native country and was twenty-nine years of age when he bade his old friends and associates farewell and went aboard a ship to face his destiny among strangers. He was brave-hearted and he has never regretted that he sought under the stars and stripes a liberty and an opportunity such as cannot be found in old and long settled countries of Europe. In 1863 Mr. Hosch bought a farm in the immediate region of Danville, which he has operated with such ability that today he owns a highly improved farm of one hundred and ninety acres adjoining the city limits and provided with a handsome residence and all the facilities that accord with the most improved farm methods.

In 1864 Mr. Hosch was united in marriage to Miss Katie Linnie, who was also born in Germany. This union was blessed by one child, Jacob, now living in Newell township, but the mother was taken with a fatal illness within less than a year after the birth of her son and her place in the household was left vacant. Mr. Hosch was a second time married, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Koch, a daughter of Matthew and Katherine (Keinot) Koch, who came to America from Wittenberg, Germany. The father died in 1875, but



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the mother is still living and makes her home with the subject of our review. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Koch, five of whom are now living, in addition to Mrs. Hosch: William; Edward; Charles; Christine, now Mrs. Nicholas Dietz, of Newell township; and Barbara who became the wife of George Krouse, now deceased. Eight children came to brighten the household of Mr. and Mrs. Hosch: Andrew, who married Emus Ost and lives in Danville; August, who married Mary Jenncks and also lives in Danville; Annie, now Mrs. Charles Schlorff, of Newell township; John, who died November 3, 1894; Katherine, now Mrs. Frank Saddler, of Villa Grove, Illinois; Frederick, residing at home; Margaret, the wife of Herman Manteubel; and Emma, who is living at home. The children were all reared to habits of industry, of which their parents were worthy exemplars, and were given the advantages of a good common-school education.

The members of the family are all affiliated with the German Methodist church and are intelligent and helpful workers in anything they undertake. Mr. Hosch has devoted his attention principally to personal interests rather than to politics or outside affairs. He has attained unusual success as a farmer by diligence and close application, although good judgment has assisted in a very important degree, as without this faculty continued advancement in any calling would be impossible. Mr. Hosch many years ago sought in the American republic a home and the comforts of life and he has found them. He is happy in the possession of a competence and in the evening of a long career, he enjoys the love of his children, the respect of his acquaintances and the rest he has so well earned.

WILLIAM F. RIEKER.

William F. Rieker is one of Danville's representative citizens, now serving as captain of No. 4 company of the fire department. He was born in this city on the 7th of February, 1878, and is a son of John C. and Katherine (Joh) Rieker, both natives of Germany. The father came to the new world in early life and in 1867 took up his residence in Danville, where for many years he was successfully engaged in business as a contractor. It was in Baltimore, Maryland, that he was married, his wife having come to the United States with her parents in 1855 when only three years old. Unto them were born four children who reached years of maturity, three sons and one daughter, namely: William F., of this review; Charles; Louis; and Katherine.

After completing his education in the public schools of Danville William F. Rieker worked for his father in the contracting business for some time. In 1901 he opened a grocery store on South Gilbert street, which he still owns but which is now managed by his brother Louis. In 1903 he was appointed a member of the fire department and served as fireman for two years, after which he retired and again turned his attention to the grocery business. In 1908 he was reappointed as captain of No. 4 company and has since filled that position in a most creditable and acceptable manner. In politics he is an ardent democrat

and is a recognized leader of the party in the second ward. In 1898 he enlisted as a member of Battery A and served throughout the Spanish-American war, being stationed at Porto Rico and elsewhere. Although still a young man he has already gained for himself an enviable position in public affairs and is widely and favorably known throughout this his native city.

FRED G. CHESLEY.

Fred G. Chesley, one of Danville's bright and promising young business men, passed away on the 10th of November, 1908, widely and deeply mourned. He was born in Chicago, May 13, 1884, and was given excellent educational advantages, attending the Lake Forest Academy, from which he graduated, and Purdue University, at West La Fayette, Indiana, although he did not graduate from the latter institution. He became a popular member of several college fraternities and, having taken a course in mechanical engineering, he entered the service of the Danville Foundry & Machine Company on leaving college. Here he worked his way up from the very bottom and was making rapid advancement when his death occurred.

Mr. Chesley was married on the 17th of September, 1908, in Danville, to Miss Winifred Hess, who seven weeks later was called upon to mourn the death of her husband. They made their home at No. 509 North Franklin street and were surrounded by a large circle of friends. Although not a member Mr. Chesley attended the Presbyterian church and was a young man of great promise, who gained the friendship and high regard of all with whom he came in contact either in business or social life. Mrs. Chesley was born in Danville, March 15, 1888, and after her graduation from the high school of this city, she attended St. Mary's of the Woods at Terre Haute, Indiana. She is now living with her mother at No. 1116 Sheridan Drive, where they have erected a beautiful bungalow with all modern appointments.

J. G. SUPPLE.

J. G. Supple, a popular and enterprising resident of Danville, is the junior member of the firm of Powers & Supple, dealers in lime, cement and all kinds of builders' materials and supplies. His birth occurred in Big Rapids, Michigan, on the 18th of September, 1885, his parents being John and Florence (Lamoireaux) Supple, likewise natives of the Wolverine state. The father, a well known railroad man, was connected with the Chicago & West Michigan Railroad for a number of years or until his arrival in Danville. Here he has represented the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad as commercial agent for many years.

J. G. Supple, who was the eldest of five children, obtained his education in the grammar and high schools of Danville and after putting aside his text-

books remained in the employ of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad for several years. Subsequently he entered the service of the Illinois Traction Company in the freight traffic department. In 1908 he embarked in business on his own account as a partner of J. F. Powers, and the firm of Powers & Supple has since conducted a successful enterprise as dealers in lime, cement and all kinds of builders' materials and supplies. He is likewise the president of the South Oakwood Coal Company and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and progressive young business men of Danville.

On the 8th of June, 1910, Mr. Supple was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Lindley, a native of Urbana, Illinois, born September 3, 1884, and a daughter of W. W. and Anna Lindley. Her father is postmaster of Urbana. Fraternally Mr. Supple is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His many good qualities, his social manner, his genial disposition and his cordiality have won him a large circle of friends.

ARTHUR WORRELL.

Arthur Worrell, who for the past seven years has had charge of the Armour & Company plant at Danville and during that time has succeeded in building up a large and profitable business, is one of Illinois' native sons, his birth occurring in Kankakee county, April 11, 1872. His father, John Hazard Worrell, spent his entire life in Kankakee county, his time and attention being largely given to farming, stock raising and stock dealing. After a useful and well spent life he passed away on the 4th of March, 1893. As a republican he took a very active and influential part in public affairs and for a period of eighteen years represented Bourbonnais township as supervisor. His father was a South Carolinian by birth and was of Scotch-Irish extraction. In early manhood John H. Worrell married Miss Ellen Francelia Dixon, who is still living on the old home place in Kankakee county. Her parents were of English and Scotch descent.

Reared in the county of his nativity, Arthur Worrell obtained a good practical education in the public and high schools, graduating from the latter in 1892, and later he attended the Onarga Seminary at Onarga, Illinois. After leaving school he assisted his father on the farm and in the stock business and on the death of the latter took charge of affairs, operating the home place of four hundred and fifty acres for six years. He then accepted a position with Armour & Company at Aurora, Illinois, where he was employed as salesman for two years, and at the end of that period was transferred to Rock Island as manager of the branch at that place. About one year later the company placed him in charge of their plant at Quincy, Illinois, where he remained for a few months, and his removal from that place to Danville occurred in 1903. Here he was placed in charge of their plant, which at that time had been established only about a year, and under his able management the business has steadily increased until it has now reached large and profitable proportions. He is a man of good business ability and sound judgment and is thoroughly familiar with the enterprise with which he is now connected.

Mr. Worrell was married at Aurora, Illinois, June 17, 1903, to Miss Bodesiel Young, a daughter of John E. and Lottie Young, who were natives of Canada. In religious faith he is a Methodist and in his fraternal relations is connected with the Masonic order, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. As a republican he takes a very active interest in political affairs but has no desire for public office. His social qualities and sterling worth make him a popular citizen and he has gained in large measure the esteem and good will of his business colleagues and associates in Danville.

CICERO LANE.

Cicero Lane is one of the prominent real-estate men of Danville. He handles comparatively little property in this locality, however, operating extensively in Texas, Minnesota and Indiana, with branch offices in the two first named states. He is a native of Clinton, Illinois, born August 3, 1858. His father, Jeremiah Lane, was born in Kentucky and when a little lad of six years was brought to Illinois by his parents, who cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of De Witt county, settling there upon a farm, to the cultivation and development of which the father devoted his energies for many years. Jeremiah Lane was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Lane, a native of Ohio. His death occurred in 1902, when he had reached the advanced age of seventy-nine years.

Cicero Lane was educated in the public schools of De Witt county, his boyhood being devoted to the acquirement of an education, to the pleasures of the playground and to such duties as were assigned him by parental authority. His was the usual environment of farm life and he aided in the work of the fields until he reached the age of twenty-one years. In 1879 he began working for the Wabash Railroad Company in the capacity of telegraph operator, which position he creditably filled for some time, but finally resigned. At that time he opened a real-estate office in Sullivan, Illinois. One of the local papers in a comment on his life, a number of years later, wrote: "He was then a poor man as the tax books of 1883 will show that the full amount assessed to him in Moultrie county that year was seventy-one cents, but that was not the end. The real history of Cicero Lane was to be written in later years, for in 1898 he paid into the county and city treasury of Moultrie and other counties five hundred and thirty dollars in taxes. Since opening his real-estate office his success has been marvelous." From time to time Mr. Lane invested in property until he owned extensive tracts of choice land in Moultrie and adjoining counties. His judgment concerning the value of property seems infallible. He has, perhaps, never invested in an acre on which he has not made money. In the fall of 1895 he sold over five thousand acres of land in Buena Vista county, Iowa, the sale of which amounted to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. His business is gradually widening and deepening and while operating in Illinois property, in addition to his office in Sullivan he had branch offices at Lovington and Bement, Illinois, and Storm Lake, Iowa. Subsequently he extended his efforts as a real-estate dealer to other parts of the country and is now engaged largely in handling

property in both the south and the north, as well as in Indiana and to some extent in Illinois. While still living in Sullivan he took an active part in the public life of the community, serving for two terms as city alderman, while in 1892 he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the mayor's office. It was in that year, and by his strong support, that the electric plant of that city was erected.

The year 1902 witnessed the arrival of Mr. Lane in Danville and throughout the intervening years he has been engaged in the real-estate business, in which he has been very successful. He largely handles property in other parts of the country, having extensive interests in Texas, Minnesota and Indiana, with branch offices at Houston, Texas, and one at Crookston, Minnesota. His business has grown with the development of Danville, for he has found here many investors who have made advantageous purchases through his agency. He is well informed concerning property values in the sections in which he operates and in all of his business affairs displays a spirit of marked enterprise and an aptitude for successful management.

In October, 1881, Mr. Lane was united in marriage to Miss Emma Zorger, a native of De Witt county, Illinois, whose family came from Germany in pioneer times. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lane has been born a daughter, Cora May, an accomplished and popular young lady, who is a graduate of the Lake Forest University.

Mr. Lane is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and is ever loyal to the teachings of the order. The family are members of the Christian church and are popular in the social circles of the city. The benevolent spirit of Mr. Lane has found expression in many tangible ways. He does not selfishly hoard his wealth but on the contrary gives freely to aid those in need and to encourage public enterprises.

JOHN EVANS TUTTLE.

Through the enterprise, commercial integrity and business ability of John Evans Tuttle was built up one of the leading dry-goods establishments of Danville. He was for many years recognized as one of the foremost representatives of trade relations in this city and the sterling traits which he displayed in all the relations of life gave him a hold upon the regard and affection of his fellow-men that causes his memory to be tenderly cherished by not only his family but by his friends and associates.

Mr. Tuttle was born in Attica, Indiana, June 6, 1844, and was there reared, acquiring his literary education in the public schools. Deciding to enter the medical profession, he attended lectures at Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which institution he was graduated, and on being licensed to practice opened an office in Myersville, Illinois. About 1874 he removed to Danville and shortly after gave up the practice of medicine and turned his attention to the dry-goods business, becoming a member of the firm of Tuttle & Draper, whose store was located on East Main street. Later the firm style was changed to Tuttle & Payne, which continued only one year. Mr. Tuttle carried on the dry-goods busi-

ness for twenty-five years. He was always a very active, progressive and enterprising business man and achieved marked success in his line of endeavor.

While a resident of Myersville, Illinois, Mr. Tuttle was married in 1869 to Miss Margaret Davison, a daughter of James Davison, who was one of the early settlers of that region and a farmer by occupation. To Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle were born four children, as follows: Blanche, Jennie, Mary Maude and Jessie Rae, who are all living in a nice comfortable home erected by the father. His death occurred on the 28th of November, 1908, and his wife survived him only a few weeks, passing away on the 24th of January, 1909.

Politically Mr. Tuttle was identified with the republican party and fraternally affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Masonic order. He was a prominent and active member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Danville and served on its official board for some time. He was a man widely and favorably known throughout this section of the state and his upright, honorable career gained for him the warm regard of those who knew him intimately. He was very domestic in his habits and found his greatest happiness in his home, surrounded by his family.

FRANK S. DEAMUDE.

Frank S. Deamude, who is well known as a liveryman of Potomac, was born in Pilot township, this county, October 14, 1869, and is a son of Samuel Deamude, a farmer of this county. He was educated according to the usual manner of farm boys, in the country schools, continuing at home until he was twenty-two years of age. From his early years he assisted in the work of the farm and became thoroughly familiar with all of its operations. He started out for himself in 1891 by renting a farm in Blount township, which he conducted successfully for six years. At the end of this time, being an admirer of horses and also the possessor of social qualities that have enabled him readily to make friends wherever he is known, he embarked in the livery business at Potomac. At the expiration of four years he sold out his business to W. H. Sinkburn, of Danville, but at the end of thirty days bought a half-interest in the same business and after four months acquired entire ownership. Ninety days later he again sold a half interest to Mr. Sinkburn, but became sole owner again at the end of six months and at the end of another six months disposed of the business to Samuel Happenstall, of Norcross, Minnesota, and for fourteen months Mr. Deamude traveled on the road. He again became associated with Mr. Sinkburn, becoming sole owner of the business after a few months, and at length sold out to Grant Gardiner. After this he bought a feed barn at the corner of Franklin and Main streets, Danville, which he conducted for a year and sold to J. G. Lomy. He next became a partner of George McCarty in another feed barn, but after several months sold his interest to his partner and in June, 1907, with Grant Goodwin bought a barn which was being operated by W. M. McDowell. He has since bought Mr. Goodwin's interest and is now the owner of the establishment, which he conducts according to up-to-date principles and has attracted a good patronage.

In 1892 Mr. Deamude was united in marriage to Miss Julia M. Happenstall, and seven children have been born unto them, four of whom are now living: Tessa May, Edna Susan, Meddie Clare and Dean, all at home. Mr. Deamude is a stanch advocate of the principles of the republican party, although at local elections he sometimes favors a friend whose name appears under a different designation. He has always been a public-spirited man and as an intelligent member of the community his ability is recognized and he is now serving as a member of the school board. He is active and energetic in his business affairs and has a wide acquaintance in the county, being very popular with the traveling public. In the various relations of life he has always been true to every trust reposed in him and as a result he enjoys the confidence and esteem of all with whom he is associated.

JOHN L. WATTS.

John L. Watts, chief deputy United States marshal at Danville with offices in the Federal building, was born March 17, 1877, at Mulberry Grove, Illinois, and is a son of Joseph F. and Hannah (Strader) Watts. The father was born in Columbus, Ohio, and when a young man devoted his time to farm work in that state. He afterward came to Illinois, settling in Bond county where he carried on farming on his own account, but later put aside agricultural pursuits and gave his attention to general merchandising for about six years. While thus engaged he was appointed postmaster and filled the position for four years. He also engaged in dealing extensively in stock and his business affairs were capably managed, resulting in success. Called to public office, he served as county sheriff one term, also county treasurer for one term. Deeply interested in politics, he was made presidential elector on the Taft ticket and has long been recognized as one of the earnest and able political leaders of his part of the state. He is now living retired.

John L. Watts, the fourth in a family of seven children, was educated in the public schools of Bond county, passing through the consecutive grades until he was graduated from the high school. He filled the office of deputy county treasurer for two years in his early manhood, serving under his father. At the end of that time he secured a position in the state bank of Hoiles & Sons at Greenville, remaining with that firm for three years. He then resigned to accept the position of deputy clerk of the United States district court for the southern district of Illinois, at Springfield, on the 31st of January, 1899, and remained in that position for six years. Following the division of the state into three districts, he was appointed chief deputy United States district and circuit court clerk for the southern district of Illinois, at Peoria, and thus served for two years, after which he resigned to become chief deputy United States marshal for the eastern district of Illinois, with his office in Danville. He has remained here for three years and his record in this as in other positions is characterized by the utmost devotion to duty, together with accuracy and system in the discharge of the tasks that devolve upon him and the obligations which are his in this connection.

On the 28th of September, 1909, Mr. Watts was married to Miss Mae Davis of Danville, a daughter of Frank S. and Ida (Meeks) Davis. The family are interested in the progress of the city along social, political, intellectual and moral lines. Fraternally Mr. Watts is connected with the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks. Much of his life has been devoted to public service and as the years have gone by he has never grown careless in the performance of his duties, but, on the contrary, has seemed to take on an added conscientiousness that makes his work in the highest degree creditable and satisfactory.

JOHN G. HARTSHORN.

John G. Hartshorn, one of the representative business men of Danville, was born in Corydon, Iowa, May 17, 1862, his parents being William J. and Mary (Thompson) Hartshorn, both of whom are now deceased. The father died December 13, 1867, and the mother March 10, 1903. William G. Hartshorn was a native of Dublin, Ireland, who came to America in early life and settled in Iowa. He was married, however, in White Hall, Illinois, to Miss Mary Thompson, whose birth occurred in London, England. She emigrated to America with her parents in the early '50s and also located in Iowa. Mr. Hartshorn was a prominent newspaper man and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, called upon him to fill several positions of honor and trust. He was elected state senator but died before he was able to take his seat. During the Civil war he served as provost marshal and drafted men for his country.

In the state of his nativity John G. Hartshorn grew to manhood, attending the public schools of Corydon, and graduated from the high school in 1878. After putting aside his text-books, he engaged in clerking in a dry goods store in that city with W. S. Richards & Company, where he remained for four years, and during that time gained an excellent knowledge of business methods, which has been of great value in his subsequent career. He next formed a partnership with his brother, W. G. Hartshorn, and they opened a general store in Kinross, Iowa. This they conducted for one year, at the end of that time removing to Pleasantville, Marion county, Iowa. At the latter place they carried on the business on a much larger scale for ten years and on leaving there went to Dunreath, Iowa, where in addition to engaging in general merchandise business, they also opened and operated a coal mine. In 1897 they sold their interests in Iowa and came to Danville, Illinois, where they have since engaged in business, conducting a general store, and also operating three coal mines, known as the Electric, the Mission Field, and the old Munsey mines. Owing to their industrious habits and good management, they have met with more than ordinary success and are now numbered among the leading business men of the city. Our subject is now serving as secretary and treasurer of the company, while his brother is president of the same.

On the 1st of March, 1888, at Mount Ayr, Iowa, Mr. Hartshorn was united in marriage to Miss Minnie E. Shepherd, a native of Keosauqua, Iowa, and a daughter of J. S. Shepherd. Two children blessed this union, namely: Harry,

who was born in Pleasantville, Iowa, February 28, 1892, and Helen, born in Dundee, May 6, 1897. When he became of age Mr. Hartshorn chose the republican party as his guide in political matters and has since voted that ticket, but has never cared for political preferment. He is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is also connected with the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks.

THE DANVILLE WATERWORKS.

The Danville Waterworks, of which H. M. Ely is now superintendent, had their beginning in 1883, the original plant being erected by the Danville Water Company when this city had a population of only about nine thousand. The original station consisted of a single brick building, with slate roof, divided about equally into an engine and a boiler room. The plant was located in the valley of the north branch of the Vermilion river, some forty feet below the level of the city, and the water supply is still derived from this stream. The North Vermilion drains a sparsely settled farming country with an area of about two hundred and sixty-seven square miles and only two small towns are located on this water shed. The water used in an unfiltered state has been satisfactory from a sanitary standpoint, no disease of any kind ever having been attributed to this source. During spring freshets, however, the stream is very turbid and some years ago a settling reservoir of about six million gallons capacity was constructed. The waterworks were built under a franchise ordinance passed by the Danville city council November 9, 1882, granting the Danville Water Company the right to construct, maintain and operate waterworks in and near the city for a term of thirty years and fixing its hydrant rentals and water rates. Subsequently a new franchise ordinance covering thirty years, establishing rates, was passed and providing for a readjustment of rates at five-year intervals. The growth of the city to a place of twenty-four thousand inhabitants made it necessary to enlarge the waterworks plant about August, 1902, and a new pumping engine and filter system were placed in service, being ready for use on the 1st of June, 1903. Since 1895 the water supply has been impounded and conserved by a low timber dam, which was built across the river near the pumping station. This was done in order to provide a large quantity of water for use during the period of low water and a new dam was constructed and a small hydraulic power plant installed. The new dam was of concrete, with a total height of eleven feet and a height above the river bed of eight feet. To provide for additional storage as well as a greater head for power purposes during times of moderate flow, the dam was arranged for the use of flash boards, which could be removed during high water, or which would be destroyed by flood flow, thus preventing the possible overflow of the adjacent low lands during such periods. A concrete fishway has been designed and built, for all dams must be provided with fishways according to state law. It was considered economical to utilize the surplus flow of the stream during moderate water for power which is used to operate the low lift pumps which supply the raw water

to the coagulation basins and filters. For this purpose a small hydraulic power plant was constructed at the end of the dam next the station. The concrete dam is now being reconstructed and will be three feet higher, which will provide for a greater pondage. Four steel Taintor gates are placed in this dam to control the flood flow. The filters are of the gravity rapid sand filtration type and the rate of filtration is about one hundred and twenty-five million gallons per acre per day. The chemicals are mixed in concrete chemical tanks placed in the basement below the floor of the operating room. From these tanks the solutions are pumped into small elevated tanks placed near the roof. The sand beds of the filters are each twenty-five feet in length by ten feet, eight inches in width. Extending entirely around their beds is an iron trough twelve inches wide and eighteen inches deep, through which the water is supplied to the beds to avoid disturbing the sand and by which the wash water is conveyed from the beds without the loss of the filter sand. The filters are eight feet in depth, leaving room for from three to three and a half feet of water above the four foot bed of sand. The strainer system, as well as the air wash and controller, are of the Jewell type. The dirty wash water overflows the trough above the sand and thence flows through special connection to the drains. The washing water is alternated with an air wash which is introduced from a Root blower through an air pipe, from which it is distributed uniformly to the strainers by five vertical pipes to the manifold and strainer system. Since the establishment of the Danville Waterworks the plant has shown that which is best and most improved in machinery and equipment and has ever given to the city an adequate supply of pure, fresh water. The present officers of the company are George J. Long, president; R. W. Bingham, vice president; and W. J. McGonigale, secretary and treasurer. All three gentlemen are from Louisville, Kentucky, and H. M. Ely is superintendent.

GEORGE STEELY, M. D.

Dr. George Steely, who has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Danville for the past five years, is numbered among the worthy native sons of Vermilion county, his birth having occurred in Hoopeston on the 30th of September, 1879. His parents are Harlan M. and Miriam (Marquess) Steely. The father, likewise a native of this county, is a well known and successful attorney of Danville. George Steely, the paternal grandfather, was an early settler of Grant township, Vermilion county.

George Steely began his education at Hoopeston and later continued his studies in the Danville high school, while subsequently he spent three years at the University of Illinois. He next entered Rush Medical College and while a student there also completed the scientific course at the University of Chicago, being graduated from that institution in 1902 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He continued his professional education in the College of Physicians & Surgeons at Boston and since his graduation therefrom in 1905 he has been continuously and successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Danville.

He is a member of Delta Tau Delta, a national college fraternity, and also of the Phi Rho Sigma. His ability and skill have been constantly manifest in the excellent results which have attended his efforts for the alleviation of human suffering and the restoration of health, and he keeps in touch with the advancement that is being continually made by the medical fraternity through his membership in the American Medical Association, the County and State Medical Societies, the Electro Therapeutic Association and the Association of Railway Surgeons. He is on the staff of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and also acts as surgeon for the Danville Street Railroad & Light Company and the Illinois Traction Company. He is a member of the Physicians Club of Danville.

In 1906 Dr. Steely was united in marriage to Miss Edythe Hortense Nims, a native of New Hampshire, who comes of Revolutionary stock. Fraternally the Doctor is identified with the Masons, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Church of Christ. His sterling manhood as well as his professional attainments command for him the respect and honor of those with whom he has been associated.

WILLIS D. KILGORE.

Willis D. Kilgore, who is successfully engaged in business as a coal and lumber merchant of Danville, was born near Eugene, Vermilion county, Indiana, on the 18th of September, 1880, his parents being James T. and Rebecca Ellen (Barker) Kilgore. The father, a native of Virginia, went to Indiana in early manhood, taking up his abode among the pioneer settlers of Vermilion county, that state. He devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and is now living retired with his wife in Vermilion county, Illinois, having come here in 1897. Their children were ten in number, the record of whom is as follows: John M., who resides in Danville; Isaac C., Stevens S. and Alice M., all of whom have passed away; Wiley S., who likewise makes his home in Danville; Flora, the wife of George Keplinger, of Hoopston, Illinois; Everett, living in this county; Minnie, who is deceased; Willis D., of this review; and Harry, who has likewise passed away.

Willis D. Kilgore attended the district schools of Georgetown and Liberty, Illinois, until seventeen years of age and then spent two years in J. C. Walker's Business College at Danville. After putting aside his text-books he secured a position with A. R. Eader, a bicycle dealer on West North street, by whom he was employed as bookkeeper for a short time. Subsequently he entered the service of the Sidell Grain & Elevator Company of Sidell in a similar capacity and later accepted a position with the Kelley Coal Company of Danville, remaining with that concern for four years. On the expiration of that period, feeling that his capital and experience justified him in embarking in business on his own account, he began operations as a dealer in coal and lumber in the fall of 1907 and has since conducted a successful enterprise of this character at No. 438 Gilbert street, known as the Union Coal & Timber Company. The business has

enjoyed a steady growth and Mr. Kilgore is widely recognized as one of the substantial and representative citizens of Danville.

On the 11th of May, 1908, at Rankin, Illinois, Mr. Kilgore was united in marriage to Miss Nora J. Abbott, a native of that place and a daughter of James L. and Maggie Abbott, old residents of Vermilion county. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Kilgore has supported the men and measures of the democracy but he has never sought office as a reward for his party fealty. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church. A prosperous merchant, an exemplary citizen and a man of high moral standards, he enjoys the respect of all who have come in contact with him.

S. B. DEAMUDE.

S. B. Deamude, of Potomac, who is the owner with his son of a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Middle Fork township, a commodious residence in Potomac and an interest in a flourishing livery business, may justly be numbered among the pioneers of Vermilion county although he is only sixty-three years of age. He was born on a farm twelve miles south of Potomac, July 22, 1847, and here he has passed all of his life. The year of his birth was made memorable by the war with Mexico, which gave a new impetus to emigration into the western states and territories and from that time the stream has continued to flow with little cessation until millions of people are now to be seen where at the time of Mr. Deamude's birth there were few struggling settlements and wild animals and Indians were the principal inhabitants of the country. Mr. Deamude has lived to see many wonderful changes and none of them more marked than in his native state of Illinois, which has become one of the most populous states in the Union and one of the richest and most productive regions of the world.

The subject of this review was born July 22, 1847, a son of Samuel and Mary (Bloomfield) Deamude. The father was a farmer, born in the southern part of Ohio, near the Ohio river, and in his boyhood days often crossed the river to Kentucky and there met the slaves and heard from them the tragic stories of their lives. He worked on a farm and also in a foundry but at twenty-two years of age he left Ohio, coming to Illinois in a one-horse wagon and, as he often related, arriving at the termination of his journey with five dollars in money, an axe, a wife and one child. He was born about 1808 and died January 27, 1868. He was twice married, the maiden name of his first wife being Rachel Hillery, and to them three children were born: Hannah, deceased; Silas, a carpenter of Danville, Illinois; and Clarke, who served in the Union army four years and advanced to the rank of captain and is now deceased. The second wife of Mr. Deamude was Mary Bloomfield, who was born in 1818 and departed this life April 29, 1888. She was the mother of six children: Maggie, now the widow of Benjamin Shambaugh, of Champaign, Illinois; Charles, who is living in the West Indies; S. B., the subject of our review; Hattie, the wife

of Charles Umbarger, a merchant of Rossville, Illinois; and Mary and Lucy, both deceased.

Having successfully devoted his energies to the farm, S. B. Deamude is now in the enjoyment of a competence as the result of many years of well applied industry and the application also of patience and good judgment which are such important elements in every successful career. One of the leading events in the life of Mr. Deamude was his marriage, on the 3d of December, 1868, to Miss Amanda Sperry, a daughter of Erastus and Ruth (Reese) Sperry, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana. The father came to Vermilion county with his parents and here continued the remainder of his life. He died May 14, 1852, at the age of thirty-two years. There were five children in the family, three of whom are now living: Wallace, a merchant of Muncie, Indiana; Arminda, mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume; and Amanda, the wife of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Deamude have two children: Frank, who was born October 14, 1869, and is now engaged in the livery business and also in farming at Potomac; and Ella, the wife of Frank Montgomery, of Lawrenceville, Illinois.

Mr. Deamude holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and is one of its active and earnest supporters. Coming from good pioneer stock, he has shown the traits of courage, persistence and rightly directed effort that enabled the early settlers to clear away the forest and establish permanent homes where today may be seen beautiful residences provided with comforts and luxuries of which the older generation scarcely dreamed. Mr. Deamude has well performed his duty and has earned the confidence and esteem of friends and acquaintances, who in years past have had definite knowledge of his many excellent qualities not only as head of a family but as a broad-minded citizen and a responsive member of the universal brotherhood of man.

CHARLES MAURICE CRAYTON.

The life of Charles Maurice Crayton, assistant states attorney of Vermilion county, presents a striking illustration of the possibilities under the American republic for any young man who possesses the energy and foresight to take advantage of them. He is a native son of Indiana, born at Hillsboro, November 9, 1872, his parents being George May and Elizabeth Murphy (Guilliams) Crayton. The father, who was a merchant of Hillsboro, departed this life in 1880, at the age of fifty-two years. The mother was a native of Fountain county, Indiana, and died August 3, 1910, at the age of seventy-three years. Our subject is of Scotch and Irish ancestry. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Crayton, was the son of an Irish emigrant who settled in North Carolina and the paternal grandmother, Susan May, was a granddaughter of Captain "Billy" May, and a daughter of George May, one of the early pioneers of Indiana and a member of the Indiana legislature. The former was an officer in the Mexican war and a man of considerable prominence in his time. The maternal grandfather, John L. Guilliams, was a Scotchman who settled in Tennessee and his wife was Jennie Bowman, of the Bowman family of Kentucky and Indiana.

The subject of this review received his preliminary education in the common schools of Indiana and attended the Indiana Normal College at Covington for two terms. At the age of fifteen he was granted a teacher's certificate in Fountain county by James Bingham, now attorney general of the state. His first experience with the great world, which was now beginning to open before him, was as a teacher in the public schools. At the end of two years, however, he decided that his destiny lay in other directions. Accordingly he entered the office of the Potomac Rustler, of Potomac, Illinois, and there learned the printer's trade. After working for a time as journeyman printer, he established several county newspapers, notably the Hillsboro (Ind.) Clipper and the Georgetown (Ill.) Herald. He was in the newspaper business when war was declared against Spain and, like thousands of patriotic young men of our country, he presented himself for enlistment April 20, 1898, and became a member of Battery A, Illinois Volunteer Artillery, serving under General Nelson A. Miles in the invasion of Porto Rico. The war coming to a close, he was honorably discharged November 28, 1898.

After laying aside his uniform Mr. Crayton reentered the newspaper business as a reporter on the Danville (Ill.) Daily Democrat. Shortly afterward he purchased the Potomac (Ill.) Republican, which he edited until April, 1900, when he sold the paper and accepted a position as city editor of the Poplar Bluff (Mo.) Citizen. From this position he resigned in July, 1902, to become editor of the Potomac Republican. While serving in this position he studied law and in 1906 was admitted to practice by the supreme court of Illinois and entered upon the duties of his profession at Potomac. In November, 1908, he was appointed assistant states attorney of Vermilion county and removed to Danville, where he has since resided. In his present position he has acquired an enviable reputation as a capable and wide-awake official who acts upon the principle that a public officer should labor with the same diligence that he brings to bear in his own private business. As a result he has gained the confidence of the courts and the growing esteem of the people. In a profession that demands the best efforts of its followers, he finds full scope for his abilities.

On the 11th of August, 1901, at Covington, Indiana, Mr. Crayton was united in marriage to Miss Minnie B. Parker, of Potomac. Two children have blessed this union, Kathleen E., now aged eight years, and Lois G., six years of age.

Mr. Crayton socially is identified with the Masonic order, the Elks, the Eagles and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is also prominently connected with the United Spanish War Veterans and on June 19, 1910, at the state encampment of this organization in Danville, was elected junior vice commander of the Department of Illinois. His introduction to public office took place in Potomac in April, 1905, when he was elected president of the village. The duties of this position he discharged with an ability that greatly pleased the citizens. Having lost his father in early boyhood and having left home at fourteen years of age, when he began supporting himself and his mother, he had little advantages of education in youth. However, he has in a large degree made up for this omission, being a careful student and observer and a man who is never satisfied with a superficial knowledge of anything that attracts his interest. He received great benefit from his training in a printing office.

as a reporter, correspondent and editor, and at the time of the war with Spain he possessed opportunities of meeting many of the most promising young men of the county and the impulse which he then received has been to him of incalculable value. For some years he devoted considerable attention to the writing of prose and verse and contributed to various periodicals of Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, New York and other cities. Since his admission to the bar he has devoted his entire attention to his profession. That as a young man he has made a success at the bar is the unanimous opinion of all who know him. It is also their opinion that he possesses an ambition and ability that will bring him into notice in a much wider field as the years pass.

SAMUEL BRACEWELL.

Samuel Bracewell, a well known liveryman of Danville, has spent his entire life in this county, his birth occurring in South Danville, on the 14th of January, 1876. His father, Isaac E. Bracewell, was born August 7, 1844, of Scotch and Welsh ancestry, and came to Danville about 1855. For twenty years he devoted his time to the operation of mines, owning good mining property in this county and having in his employ a large number of men. He also served as the first mine inspector of Vermilion county, but during the last seven years of his life was compelled to lay aside all labor on account of ill health. His death occurred on the 28th of February, 1901. He was married in Danville to Miss Hannah Hay, who was born in Covington, Kentucky, in 1853. Her father was a native of England and a blacksmith by occupation. Samuel Bracewell is one of a family of four children, the others being: John C.; Maurice, a farmer of New Mexico; and Nettie, the wife of J. E. Gillespie, a farmer of this county.

During his boyhood and youth Samuel Bracewell attended the public schools of Danville and for two years was a student in the high school here. He then engaged in clerking in several of the leading stores of the city, over ten years being devoted to the shoe business and the greater part of that time as department manager. On the 15th of April, 1908, he embarked in his present business, opening a livery and boarding stable at 40-42 College street, where he remained for about twenty months and then removed to his present location at No. 37 Washington street on the 2d of February, 1910. Besides his livery business he is also engaged in dealing in live stock and has built up an excellent trade in both lines.

On the 28th of December, 1898, in Danville, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Bracewell and Miss Margaret A. Shean, a daughter of Charles and Emma Shean and a native of this city. Her father, who was engaged in the bottling business here and was a very prominent citizen of Danville, passed away in June, 1906, but her mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Bracewell have two children: Helen and Brita.

The family are held in the highest regard by all who know them. Mr. Bracewell is connected with the Industrial Club and is an active worker in the

ranks of the democratic party but has never cared for official honors. At one time he was a member of Battery A, Danville National Guards, for three years and has always been prominently identified with public affairs.

GEORGE WHEELER JONES, M. D.

Dr. George Wheeler Jones was born at Bath, Steuben county, New York, February 4, 1839, the oldest son of Dr. John Sproson Jones and Charlotte Wheeler, his wife. The family removed to Covington, Indiana, in 1846. His early life was spent in laying the foundation of a good education, as he was a most ambitious student. He was a devoted son and the tie between him and his mother was unusually close. He attended Wabash College and later made a choice of the medical profession, studying for a while under his father. Later he studied in Chicago under Dr. William H. Byford, graduating from what was then the medical department of Lind University, now the Chicago Medical College of the Northwestern University.

He commenced the practice of medicine in Terre Haute, Indiana, but soon enlisted as a volunteer surgeon for three months, later reenlisting for three years, serving as assistant surgeon of the Sixty-third Indiana Volunteers. In 1865 he was married to Miss Emelyn K. Enos, of Indianapolis, and located at Danville, Illinois. Here he commenced again the practice of medicine, also being associated with his brother, James Sanger Jones, in a drug store at the northeast corner of Main and Hazel streets, under the name of Jones Brothers. The brother James, gay-hearted and fun-loving, endeared to every one who fell under the influence of his merry ways and kind heart, died suddenly October 26, 1872, and after three years the drug store was sold, leaving Dr. Jones to devote his entire time to the practice of his beloved profession. For twenty-nine years his busy life continued in Danville and his labor was unremitting in the cause of healing. One of his friends bore testimony to his faithfulness when he said:

"His parents gave him pure blood and nature gave him a Grant-like frame, four square and solid as a tower, an iron constitution, a large, clear, active brain, a warm, loving, hopeful heart. He was my family physician and very intimate friend for over twenty years. I knew him from the heart out. Often has he carried my sick children on his bosom about the rooms, saying, 'I can do more for a child when it knows me and is not afraid.' He has done the same with your children. How tenderly he watched and nursed our sick. How he toiled to know what was best for them. For almost twenty years I passed his office late at night from my own work. Yet, however late, his lamp was burning; his patients were in his heart; no day of toil was so hard as to keep him from studying; for their healing he must know the best and latest wisdom of the medical world. It seems that he never slept, that he was always at work with his patients, his medicine and books."

In the autumn of 1894 prostration from overwork compelled him to take the first vacation he had ever known. In company with a friend he went to the



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Bermudas in December, intending to return in the spring and resume the practice of medicine in Danville. The trip was a delightful one and for three weeks he enjoyed the change with every appearance of returning health, but on Sunday, January 6, 1895, he died suddenly at the Princess Hotel, Hamilton, Bermuda, of collapse of the heart. His body was brought to Danville two weeks later and buried in Spring Hill cemetery, followed by a long line of weeping mourners, for he had many loving friends.

In his profession he was held in high esteem, receiving many honors at the hands of his professional brethren. He was a prolific writer, contributing many articles to the current medical magazines, and to the various medical societies. He was a member and regular attendant of the American Medical Association, the Tri-State Medical Society and was at one time president of the Illinois State Medical Society. He was also honored by an invitation to contribute a paper to the ninth international medical congress, which convened in Washington, D. C., in 1887.

Politically he was a staunch republican. He led a life of purity and strict integrity, with brain and hands busy with incessant cares, loyal to friends, grateful for friendship, true to the principles of his religion. He was a man of literary taste and knowledge, taking time in his busy life to investigate the best the world brought him. He was a man of great courage, unyielding convictions and tireless energy, in his beloved profession of medicine. To the cry of the afflicted his ear was ever open, his skillful eye and hand ever ready to relieve; and the poor and needy found in him a helper. No labor was too arduous, no detail too trivial, no sacrifice too great for him when life and death hung in the balance, and his reward was sufficient in the consciousness of duty done.

D. A. JANES.

D. A. Janes, the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 29, Grant township, has successfully devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career. His birth occurred in Fayette county, Ohio, on the 10th of January, 1844, his parents being Harrison and Mary (Horney) Janes, who were natives of the states of Virginia and Ohio, respectively. In 1862 they took up their abode on a farm in McLean county, Illinois, where the father continued to reside until called to his final rest. Subsequently the mother returned to Fayette county, Ohio, where she passed away when in the eighty-fourth year of her age. Unto them were born ten children, seven of whom are yet living.

D. A. Janes attended the common schools in pursuit of an education and remained under the parental roof until the time of his enlistment for service in the Union army. In 1862, when a youth of eighteen, he joined Company C, Ninetieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, remaining with that command throughout the period of hostilities. He participated in many hotly contested engagements, including the battles of Chickamauga, Stone River, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Frankfort and Nashville. After being mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee,

he returned to the Buckeye state with a most creditable military record, having never faltered in the performance of any task assigned him. Securing a clerkship in a store, he held that position for three years and was then married. Following that important event in his life he became identified with general agricultural pursuits, cultivating rented land for a period of three years. In the spring of 1890 he removed to Ford county, Illinois, purchasing and locating upon a farm which remained his home for five years. At the end of that time he disposed of the property and came to Vermilion county, buying a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 29, Grant township. The further cultivation and improvement of that place has claimed his time and energies continuously since and in his undertakings as an agriculturist he has won a most gratifying and well merited measure of success.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life, Mr. Janes chose Miss Margaret Harden, a native of Hocking county, Ohio, and a daughter of John and Mary (Chichester) Harden, who were likewise born in that state and passed away in Mercer county, Ohio. Their children were eight in number, six of whom still survive. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Janes have been born six children, as follows: Josie Ann, Cora and Mary, all of whom are deceased; James, an agriculturist of Mercer county, Ohio; Carrie, the wife of Edward Laffen, of Vermilion county; and John, who is married and operates the old homestead farm.

Politically Mr. Janes is a stalwart advocate of the democracy. The cause of education has ever found in him a stanch champion, and for eight years he served as a school director. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor, for today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of his county.

JOHN SLOZOS.

John Slozos, a successful merchant and leading resident of Westville, is the proprietor of a well-appointed grocery store and meat market, and is also serving as mayor of the town for the second term. His birth occurred in Russia on the 15th of July, 1864, and in the schools of that country he obtained his education. When twenty-three years of age he left his native land and took up his abode in the United States, wishing to test the truth of the many favorable reports which he had heard concerning the advantages of the new world. First locating in Pennsylvania, he there worked as a miner for two years, on the expiration of which period he removed to Chicago, Illinois, where he remained for a similar length of time. Subsequently he came to Westville, Vermilion county, and here worked in the coal mine for about six years. At the end of that time he embarked in business as a grocer and butcher and has since conducted an establishment of this character, now enjoying an extensive and profitable trade. He has erected a fine brick building, in which he also conducts a saloon, and in addition owns four residence properties. He likewise has a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land in

Wadena county, Minnesota, and has long been numbered among the most prosperous and respected residents of Westville.

In 1889, in Chicago, Mr. Slozos was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Bartkinio, who was born in Russia in the year 1869. Unto our subject and his wife have been born eight children, namely: Estella, Bessie, Lena, Rosie, and four who are deceased.

Mr. Slozos is a republican in politics and is now serving in the office of mayor for the second term, his administration being characterized by many progressive measures. He formerly acted as a member of the town board for two terms. In religious faith he is a Catholic and his wife is also a communicant of the church of that denomination. Coming to America in early manhood, he eagerly availed himself of every opportunity which presented itself and has gradually worked his way upward to a position among the substantial and representative citizens of his community. His record may well serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do.

ORNDORFF L. RIDGELY.

The Ridgely family is of English origin, the first of its representatives coming from England to America early in 1600 and locating in Maryland, where the family became a prominent one in the early days of that colony. Nicholas H. Ridgely, the grandfather of Orndorff L. Ridgely, was born on his father's tobacco plantation, near Baltimore, Maryland, April 27, 1800, and was the son of Greenberry and Rachel (Ryan) Ridgely, also natives of the same state. There he grew to manhood and in the city of Baltimore received his education. He was there married at the early age of nineteen and shortly afterward, in 1820, went to Wheeling, Virginia, where he remained for several years, returning for a brief period to Baltimore. In 1829 he left that city never to make it his home again.

Coming west Nicholas H. Ridgely located in St. Louis, Missouri, and soon after his arrival there he became discount clerk in a branch of the United States Bank, which had been established in that city. For nearly seven years he continued with that bank, but in May, 1835, he received the appointment as cashier of the State Bank of Illinois, and at once came to Springfield and assumed that responsible position. He filled that office until the bank failed in 1841 and was one of the trustees who finally wound up its business, after which he carried on the banking business on his own account.

In 1852 after the passage of the state banking law, in company with others, Mr. Ridgely organized Clark's Exchange Bank and was elected its first president. Two years later, at the age of eighteen, his son Charles succeeded James Campbell as cashier and from that time to the present has been connected with the bank. A few years later Mr. Ridgely purchased the interests of his partners and continued the business in his individual name. In 1859 he admitted his son Charles as a partner, and the business was continued under the firm

name of N. H. Ridgely & Company. Subsequently, in 1864, William Ridgely, another son, also entered the firm, and the business was continued by the three until 1866. In October, 1866, associated with his sons, Charles and William, J. Taylor Smith and Lafayette Smith, Mr. Ridgely organized the Ridgely National Bank and was elected its first president, a position he retained until his death, and it is safe to say that no bank ever secured the confidence of the people in a higher degree.

From the day of his arrival Mr. Ridgely became an important factor in the growth and development of Springfield and was instrumental in securing the removal of the state capital to the city, the bank furnishing the money necessary to secure its location. That note is preserved in the Ridgely family as a highly prized heirloom.

In 1848, in connection with his former banking partner, Colonel Thomas Mather, Mr. Ridgely purchased the old railroad from Springfield to Naples, rebuilt it and gave it the name of the Sangamon & Morgan Railroad. It was later consolidated with the Great Western and is now a part of the Wabash system, being the first part of the present western division of the Wabash road to be built. In 1854 he established the Springfield Gas Works, which, although private property, was of great value to the city. He became president of the company, a position which he also held until his death.

An enterprise which has been of incalculable benefit to the state of Illinois and which has relieved the people of much of the great burden of taxation, was the building of the Illinois Central Railroad. In securing the passage of the law giving the railroad its charter, Mr. Ridgely was largely instrumental, and while he was associated with the men who built the road, he would not accept a directorate in it. Realizing that by the building of that road, with others, there would be an immense rise in the value of land in the state, he invested largely and became the owner of many thousands of acres, being one of the largest landowners in the state, and much of his wealth was obtained in that way.

Mr. Ridgely was twice married and reared a family of thirteen children who grew to maturity, all of whom he liberally provided for, even before his death, establishing them in homes of their own and in the various branches of business in which they engaged. He was called to his final home on the 31st of January, 1888, and it can well be said that his summons hence left a void in business and financial circles of his adopted city.

One of the best financiers of his day and daily brought in contact with all classes of people in business and social life, Mr. Ridgely was withal of a modest and retiring disposition, never seeking public attention or notoriety. In his whole life he was never accused of doing a single dishonorable deed. He was a man of few words in business transactions and always said what he meant and meant what he said. His "yea" was yea, and his "no" no, but he well knew how to say "no" in a business transaction without giving offense or causing a man to lose his self-respect.

Orndorff L. Ridgely, whose name heads this sketch, was born in Springfield, Illinois, on the 20th of May, 1864, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Ridgely, who now reside in St. Petersburg, Florida. The other members

of the family are: Edward W., a resident of Golden, Illinois; Charles N., deceased; Vincent N. and Reddick W., both residents of St. Petersburg, Florida; Clarence M., of Litchfield, Illinois; and Dr. Roy R., of St. Petersburg, Florida.

Orndorff L. Ridgely began his education in the public schools of Springfield and was fifteen years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Galesburg, Illinois, where he continued his studies for a time. Later he was employed for several years as letter carrier in that city and for fourteen years was connected with the Consolidated Coal Company of St. Louis. In 1894 he came to Danville as district superintendent for that company and continued in that position up to the time of his death. He was a man of superior business ability, possessing a quick insight into all the problems of the extensive interests with which he was connected, and he was universally esteemed by those with whom he came in contact, either in business or social life.

On the 21st of February, 1900, in Danville, Mr. Ridgely was united in marriage to Miss Ann S. Wolford, but their happy married life was but of brief duration, for on the 17th of December of the same year Mr. Ridgely was called to his final rest. His political support was given to the democratic party and it was well known that, while he did not seek nor desire office, he was actuated at all times by a public-spirited devotion to the general good that was manifest in tangible co-operation with various movements and projects that were started for the benefit and upbuilding of the community at large. Those who came within the circle of his friendship found him a most genial companion and at all times he held friendship inviolable. His death was a distinct loss to the business circles of central Illinois and to the community at large.

Mrs. Ridgely was born in Arcola, Illinois, November 17, 1873, and is a daughter of M. J. Wolford, president of the Palmer National Bank of Danville, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume. At the age of three years she came with her parents to this city, where she pursued her studies in the public schools and was graduated from the Danville high school. She also pursued a course in music at the Auditorium Conservatory in Chicago, and the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston, Massachusetts. She is a lady of charming personality, who has a wide circle of friends in Danville, where almost her entire life has been passed. She is a charter member of Governor Bradford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Danville, and is quite prominent socially.

LEVIN T. PALMER.

While Levin T. Palmer arrived in Danville with a cash capital of but twenty-four dollars, in the course of years he became a leading representative of financial interests in the conduct of an extensive and profitable banking and loan business, in which connection he worked out involved business problems and became the leader in the initiatory and subsequent movements which made

his undertaking one of the leading business enterprises of Danville. Moreover, in all of his dealings he rigidly adhered to those principles of commercial honor which, coupled with his energy, perseverance and unquestioned business ability, made him what he was.

He was born on Long Island, December 3, 1814, a son of Charles Palmer, who was born in Newtown, New York, December 18, 1790, and died on the 30th of August, 1822. Charles Palmer was a farmer by occupation and Levin T. Palmer was reared to that occupation. He was only eight years of age at the time of his father's death. He acquired a common school education and continued his residence in the east until in his twenty-first year, when, in 1835, he came to Illinois.

In July of that year Mr. Palmer arrived in Danville. The exigencies of the situation demanded that he secure immediate employment and he entered the services of Dr. Fithian in a clerical capacity. He clerked for one year for the Doctor and then went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he remained for a few years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Danville and formed a partnership with R. T. Leverich for the conduct of a dry-goods and general merchandise business. He continued in that field for about fourteen years and then turned his attention to the loan and real-estate business in connection with T. C. Forbes, with whom he remained as a partner until 1872, when the firm was dissolved and Mr. Palmer was joined by his son, Charles J. They conducted a banking and loan business under the style of L. T. and C. J. Palmer up to the time of the father's death, which occurred on the 26th of August, 1900. Thus from a penniless condition, Mr. Palmer worked his way steadily forward, improving every opportunity until he became ranked as one of the leading financiers of the community.

It was on the 17th of August, 1842, that Mr. Palmer was united in marriage to Miss Esther Gilbert, who was born in Ontario county, New York, on the 19th of November, 1824, and died in 1908. She was a daughter of Solomon Gilbert, who was born in Massachusetts, June 19, 1778, and departed this life on the 5th of February, 1857. Her mother bore the maiden name of Esther Green, and it was on the 6th of April, 1809, that she gave her hand in marriage to Solomon Gilbert. She, too, was a native of the old Bay state, born December 13, 1789, and her death occurred in Danville on the 31st of January, 1839. When very young Solomon Gilbert removed to Ontario county, New York, where he married Miss Green, who was a daughter of Captain Henry Green, a soldier of the war of 1812. In 1828 Solomon Gilbert left the Empire state and started for the west in the month of April, traveling by team across the country until he reached Danville in July. He was one of the founders and builders of the city in that he was one of the first settlers and took a very active part in everything that pertained to public progress. He built the first grist mill in Danville, and through private and public activity, did much for the welfare of the city. Gilbert street was named in his honor.

The death of Levin T. Palmer occurred in 1900, and thus passed from the scene of earthly activity one whose efforts had been a potent force in the improvement and upbuilding of Danville. He certainly deserved much credit for what he accomplished, inasmuch as he started out in life empty-handed and

throughout his entire career maintained an unassailable reputation for business integrity and honor. His entire career was actuated by progressive methods and by just and generous dealing. He was far-sighted and this, combined with his unfaltering determination, made him a power in the community. Preeminently a self-made man, his work and example remain as an inspiration to others.

S. H. BLACK.

S. H. Black is one of the venerable citizens of Vermilion county, having passed the eighty-third milestone on life's journey. He was born near Millersburg, Bourbon county, Kentucky, on the 17th of December, 1827. His parents, Samuel and Nancy (Collins) Black, both of whom were natives of Virginia, removed from Kentucky to Illinois in 1834, the journey being made by wagon to Vermilion county. The father purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land for which he paid four dollars and sixteen cents per acre. This was situated near Indianola. The Black Hawk war had occurred only two years before and Vermilion county was still a pioneer district in which many evidences of frontier life were still to be seen. There were great stretches of prairie that were unclaimed and uncultivated, the forests were uncut and the streams unbridged. Deer were yet quite plentiful in the state and wild game was to be had in abundance. The family bore many hardships and trials incident to the establishment of a home in a frontier community. They did most of their trading at Georgetown and took their grist to mill on the Big Vermilion river. In the early days the families of John Myers and Joe Frazer were killed by Indians and Frazer afterward compelled a band of Indians that were camping in the woods near the present site of the reservoir to break up winter quarters and move to the woods north of what is now the Hildreth place. This was about 1825, and these were the last Indians in the neighborhood. There was much arduous labor necessary to develop a farm and make it productive, and in the work the father was assisted by his sons. In the family of Samuel and Nancy (Collins) Black there were four sons and three daughters: William, Frank, John, S. H., Mrs. Marinda Jane Huth, Sarah, who became the wife of A. J. Swuek, and Margaret.

S. H. Black was not yet seven years old when the family left Kentucky and came to Vermilion county, Illinois. Here he was reared, sharing with the family in all the hardships and privations which came to them in the early days. After attaining his majority he married Miss Sarah P. Hutt, who was born in Kentucky on the 3d of March, 1835. They were married in 1850 on the old Hutt place about a half mile north of the John Fleshen farm. The children of this marriage were: John M.; Benjamin F.; William; Alice J., who became the wife of James Milton and is now deceased; and Rosanna, the wife of Harry Frazer. There are also twenty grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

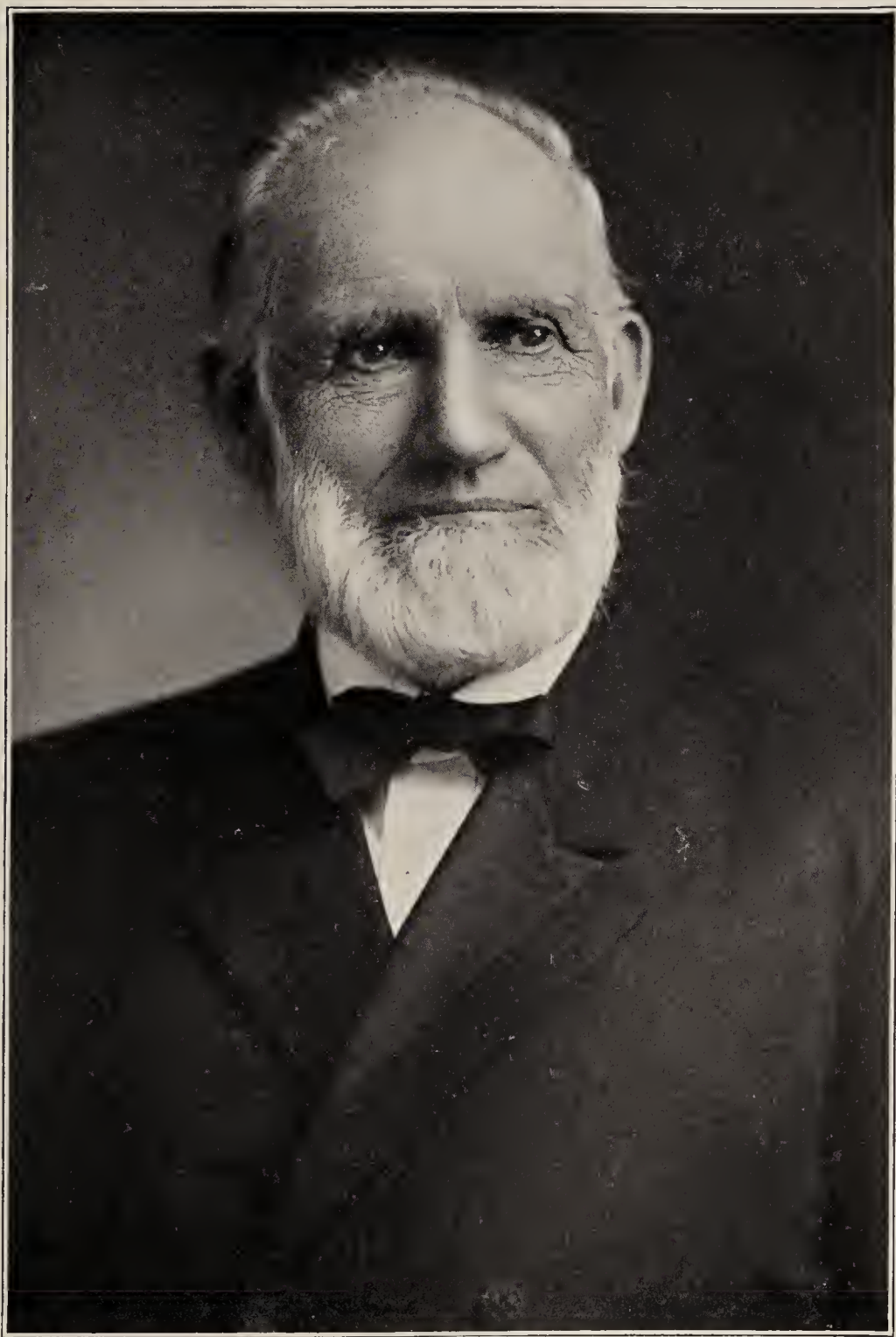
In 1864 Mr. Black was drafted for service in the Civil war, but when examined, was rejected. He has been a lifelong farmer of Vermilion county,

who is today one of the most venerable citizens. He has lived in this locality for seventy-six years and few are as familiar with the history of this part of the state or have been closer witnesses of the growth and progress that has wrought a wonderful transformation, making Vermilion county one of the most populous and prosperous districts of Illinois.

WILLIAM HENRY WEBSTER, D. D.

Rev. William Henry Webster, who has devoted his life to the ministry, was born in Schoharie county, New York, in 1835, and is a descendant of John Webster, a native of England, who arrived in Connecticut in 1630. His prominence as a citizen of the newly established colony is indicated by the fact that he was appointed governor of the province of Connecticut in 1640. Most of the representatives of this family have remained residents of New England, and a number of them have entered the ministry, their efforts proving effective forces in the moral development of the communities in which they have lived and labored. The parents of Rev. William H. Webster were Shadrach and Betsy (Beach) Webster. The father was a school teacher by profession. Following the outbreak of the second war with England he volunteered for active service at the front and was at Plattsburg, New York, and was with the American troops at the time of McDonough's victory on Lake Champlain.

Rev. Henry Webster was a youth of thirteen years when in 1848 he became a resident of Danville, Illinois. He continued his education in the public schools but later entered the Danville Methodist Seminary. He afterward attended the Asbury University of Indiana and the Ohio Wesleyan University, completing the classical course in the latter institution in 1859, when the degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred upon him. He has since received the honorary degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Divinity. In early manhood he was employed as a house painter and as a school teacher, and by his efforts therein continued his education until, qualified for the ministry, he engaged in preaching and in the fifty years of his connection with the Illinois conference of the Methodist Episcopal church he has labored untiringly, loyally and zealously for the cause to which he dedicated his life in early manhood. He was converted at a camp meeting held near Danville when he was fourteen years of age. At different times he has occupied pastorates in Bloomington, Quincy, Springfield, Decatur, Champaign and Urbana, and has long since been recognized as one of the prominent representatives of the Methodist ministry in this state. For eleven years he was presiding elder of the Jacksonville, Springfield and Danville districts. He has been sent as a delegate to the general conferences of Cincinnati, Philadelphia, New York and Omaha, and has been a trustee of the Women's College at Jacksonville, Illinois, and of the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington. He has worked untiringly for the promotion of all those interests which have for their object the intellectual and moral progress of the race. He has visited many churches, strengthening the weak places in the cause, and for his labors in this



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connection has refused to receive any remuneration. His zeal and efforts have been resultant wherever he has gone. He has received many converts into the church, has succeeded in erecting new houses of worship and in paying off large indebtedness. He was treasurer and financial secretary of the fund for superannuated ministers for nearly thirty years, and for many years was superintendent of the domestic missionary society of the conference. He now makes his home in Danville and has farming interests in this locality.

On the 3d of October, 1867, the Rev. William H. Webster was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Augusta Robinson, a daughter of William and Margaret (Davis) Robinson. She had one brother, Edward, who was a soldier of the Civil war, while her three sisters are: Elizabeth, the wife of John Short; Anna, the widow of M. M. Wright; and Mrs. Emma Robinson, also a widow.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster have one son living, John Wesley Webster, who was born in Springfield, Illinois, pursuing his early education in the Danville schools, and was afterward graduated at De Pauw University. He then became a student of the law department of the University of Illinois and completed his legal training at Harvard. He was admitted to the bar about 1903 and is now engaged in practice in Danville. He is secretary of the Fidelity Building Association. He married Esther Baum and they have one child, Elizabeth.

Rev. Webster was one of the earliest supporters of the republican party, giving his ballot for Fremont in 1856. He is now an independent anti-saloon republican, and during the period of the Civil war he espoused the cause of the Union and the supremacy of the federal government. His broad reading has kept him in touch with the vital issues and significant problems of the day. He has always been a stalwart champion of the cause of education and for a number of years served as president of the school board of Danville. Happiness has been defined in the following stanza, which seems an exposition of the life and work of Rev. Webster:

“Serene with wrong undone, and good desired,
A labor loved and followed to a goal,
Wealth sufficient for the needs acquired
To keep the body, not to hurt the soul,
A little over, that it may be spent
In the high joy of generous giving;
A faith so sure of the divine intent,
It dignifies the deeds of daily living.”

MRS. MARTHA E. ENGLISH.

Mrs. Martha E. English, who resides at No. 612 Hazel street, Danville, is a daughter of John A. and Melissa (Hamilton) Bradley. The father was born in Johnson county, Kentucky, in 1823, a son of James and Margaret Bradley, and the birth of the mother occurred in Indiana in 1822, her parents being Asa and Mary Hamilton. Mrs. English is a native of Illinois, born in the northern part of Vermilion county in 1857. Educated in the public schools,

she grew to womanhood under the parental roof. On the 18th of February, 1904, she was united in marriage to Joseph English, a native of Newport, Indiana, who was born in 1857. His father, George W. English, was born in Perrysville, Vermilion county, Indiana, in 1831, and his mother, who bore the maiden name of Sarah J. Ludlow, was born in Alexandria, Ohio, in 1835. At seven years of age Joseph English came with his parents to Danville and was educated in the public schools of this city, later taking a business course in one of the commercial colleges of Chicago. He early showed a fine business capacity and for nearly twenty years was general agent of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad, being placed in this position when the road was first built. After leaving the railway service he became auditor and secretary of the Kelly Coal Company and acted as general sales agent of the company in Chicago. Mr. English was twice married, his first wife being Minnie Leonard, who was a native of Ohio and a daughter of Ezra Leonard. One daughter, Corinne, was born of that union. She married Birch C. Pollock, now living in Alabama.

Mr. English departed this life June 1, 1906, at his home in Danville, death being caused by an attack of dropsy for which the best medical service failed to find relief. The esteem in which he was held by the community was indicated by the general expressions of regret which followed the announcement of his decease. Socially he was identified with the Tribe of Ben Hur, being a charter member of that organization. Politically he accepted the principles of the republican party and in church affiliation he held membership in the Methodist denomination, accepting its teachings as those most expressive of the principles of life enunciated in the New Testament. He was a man of fine executive talent and was highly successful in business. In Vermilion county he had many warm friends and was recognized as one of its most progressive citizens who belong to the class which seeks to promote the permanent interest of their fellows. Mrs. English, after the death of her husband four years ago, at No. 822 Walnut street, removed to her old home, where she now resides. She is a lady of intelligence and culture and is greatly esteemed for her many worthy qualities.

WALTER R. WILSON, M. D.

No history of the medical profession or indeed of the business department of Hoopeston would be complete without mention of Dr. Walter R. Wilson, for thirty-four years an active practitioner here. Ill health then compelled him to retire and he has since engaged in the real-estate and insurance business. Aside from all personal considerations, moreover he has been a valued representative of the community, taking active part in the public life of Hoopeston as a supporter of all those things which work for municipal honor and progress. He was born in Oneida county, New York, February 20, 1852, and is a son of Otis E. and Mary Jane (Matthews) Wilson. The father came to Vermilion county in 1876, settling at East Lynn, where he engaged in the re-

tail grocery business, in which he continued up to the time of his death. He was a native of Massachusetts, where his ancestors, who were of Scotch birth, settled at a very early day. His wife's people were of German lineage. Otis E. Wilson first came to the west about 1854, at which time he took up his abode in Little Rock, Illinois. His wife was a native of Oneida county, New York, and it was there that the marriage was celebrated. Mrs. Wilson is still living at the advanced age of eighty-four years, making her home with a daughter in Hoopeston. There were two sons and three daughters in the family: Charles E., who was born in Oneida county, New York, in October, 1850, and died near Watseka, Illinois; Walter R., the second of the family; Ellen, who was born in Kankakee county, Illinois, and is the wife of F. M. Hall, a retired farmer of Hoopeston; Cornelia, who was born in Norton township, Kankakee county, Illinois, and is the wife of Dr. Fallis, of Danville; and Hattie, the wife of William H. Elliot, a druggist of Hoopeston.

In the district schools of Kankakee county and in the city of Kankakee Dr. Walter R. Wilson pursued his education to the age of eighteen years. On attaining his majority he took up the study of medicine, matriculating in Hahnemann Medical College at Chicago, from which he was graduated with the class of 1876. Two years later he received an honorary degree from the Chicago Homeopathic College. He engaged in general practice in Hoopeston for thirty-four years and throughout that period was the loved family physician in many households. He never allowed his ability to grow less as time went on but ever kept in touch with the advancement of the profession through broad reading and research. He was quick to adopt any new methods which his judgment sanctioned as of value in the practice of medicine, though he was never hasty in discarding the old and time tried methods, the value of which years have proven. His ready sympathy, and cheery disposition, as well as his professional knowledge, constituted elements for good in the sick room, but at length on account of his own health, he was obliged to retire in February, 1910, after which he spent some months in Florida. He returned much improved in health and is now engaged with his son Robert in the real-estate and insurance business and is also a member of the firm of Williams, Wilson & Son, shoe merchants of Hoopeston. He worked his way through college, his laudable ambition prompting him to enter a field of labor demanding keen intellectuality, good business ability and quick discernment. That his choice of a profession was a wise one is indicated in the success which attended his efforts in that connection. Aside from his mercantile and real-estate business in Hoopeston, he is now the owner of a four hundred and six acre farm at Kewanna, Indiana, which he is operating and which is a valuable and productive property.

Aside from all commercial and professional relations, Dr. Wilson has long been recognized as a leading factor in the public life of Hoopeston, giving of his time and talents unstintedly for the advancement and upbuilding of the city. He acted as mayor of Hoopeston for two years. During the first year his salary was twenty-five cents per annum and during the next year was fifty cents. Also for two terms of two years each Dr. Wilson served as city alderman and in office exercised his official prerogatives in support of law and order,

justice and progress. In his political views he has always been a republican, while fraternally he is a Mason. That he enjoys the high regard of his brethren of the craft is indicated in the fact that he has for several terms been high priest in the chapter. He and his family are devoted members of the First Methodist Episcopal church.

It was in Hoopeston, November 21, 1876, that Dr. Wilson married Miss Anna C. Muirhead, a native of Canada, born in Peterboro, January 1, 1853, and a daughter of James and Mary Muirhead. Her father was a minister of the Methodist church, and for many years preached in different parts of Vermilion county. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Wilson were born a daughter and two sons: Alice May, who was born in Hoopeston and is the wife of Charles Williams, a shoe merchant of Hoopeston; Robert E., who is associated with his father in the real-estate and insurance business and married Jessie Hooker, a native of Hoopeston; and Clarence J., who is engaged in the shoe business and lives at home with his parents. There are three grandchildren: Kathryn, daughter of Robert and Jessie Wilson; Marian, a daughter of Charles and Alice Williams; and Walter J., a son of Clarence Wilson. The last named was born in Hoopeston, November 21, 1903.

No life history in this volume indicates more clearly what may be accomplished through personal effort and honorable ambition than does that of Dr. Wilson. He is truly a self-made man, his success being the direct result of his own labors. As the years have passed on he has achieved success and at the same time has won the confidence, high regard and good will of his fellow townsmen, among whom he is most popular because of his unfailing courtesy, his kindly spirit and his deference for the opinions of others.

CHARLES F. BUROW.

Charles F. Burow, the junior member of the firm of Uhlein & Burow, conducting one of the leading plumbing establishments of Danville, has spent his entire life in this city. He was born on the 19th of February, 1881, his parents being Charles and Minnie (Remeana) Burow, who were born, reared and married in Germany and came to America about 1860. On landing in this country they came direct to Danville, where the father continued to make his home until called to his final rest on the 3d of May, 1909. By occupation he was a miner. The children born to him and his wife are as follows: Rickie, now the wife of Charles Leverenz, a miner of Danville; Mary, the wife of James T. Myers, of Danville; Minnie; Anna, the widow of Henry Krimmel and a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Lena, the wife of Harry Davis, of Danville; Emma, the wife of Clyde Swift, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Bertha, the wife of Henry Wyman, living at 702 Illinois street, Danville; Tilla, the wife of Joseph Strattman, whose home is at 619 Bryan avenue, Danville; and Charles F., of this review.

Charles F. Burow was given good educational advantages, attending the Lutheran schools of Danville and later the Walker Business College, where he

pursued courses in bookkeeping, arithmetic and penmanship. On leaving school at the age of fifteen years he was apprenticed to Henry Krimmel to learn the plumber's trade, with whom he remained for a period of four years. Five years were spent in the employ of W. S. Hannum, a plumber, and in 1904 he embarked in business on his own account in connection with Charles F. Uhlein under the firm name of Uhlein & Burow. They now have one of the best appointed plumbing establishments of the city and have built up an excellent trade, which is constantly increasing.

On the 12th of August, 1902, Mr. Burow was married in Danville to Miss Margaret M. Baumgart, a daughter of Christ and Lena Baumgart, of Danville. He affiliates with the republican party, but aside from voting, has never taken an active part in politics, preferring to devote his entire time to his family and business interests. He holds membership in the Lutheran church and finds his chief source of recreation in outdoor sports, of which he is very fond, especially baseball. He takes an annual fishing trip to the lakes and different resorts throughout the country. His business has ever been so managed as to gain the confidence of those with whom he has had dealings, and he stands high in the esteem of all who know him.

ANDREW BAKER.

Andrew Baker, filling the position of county constable of Vermilion county and discharging his duties without fear or favor, was born in New York city October 31, 1860, his parents being David S. and Mary (McMahan) Baker. The father, who for a considerable period served as warden of the city prison on Blackwell's Island, died while discharging the duties of that position. He was a well educated man, was prominent in city politics and was recognized as one of the republican leaders of New York. The family is an old one in the Empire state, having been represented there through several generations. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Charles H. Baker, who served as captain of an artillery that was on active duty at New Orleans in the war of 1812. He was presented by the officers of the regiment with a gold watch—a token of their appreciation of his services.

Left fatherless at a very tender age, Andrew Baker, when a lad of ten years, was sent west by the New York Juvenile Asylum to Danville, Illinois, and found a good home with S. P. LeNeve, a very prominent farmer of this locality. His education was largely acquired in the schools of this district and through practical experience. He remained with Mr. LeNeve for three years and then at the age of thirteen started out to make his own way in the world unaided. Continuing in this locality, he gave his attention to farm work, and at length he turned his attention to merchandizing, in which he continued for twenty-one years, conducting a store at Pilot. His long identification therewith indicates his success, for during much of that period he enjoyed a large and growing trade, the public according him a liberal patronage. As the years passed he made progress and eventually became the owner of

good property. He now owns a farm in Lake county of one hundred and eighty-two acres, on which he has a tenant. In 1885 he purchased his present residence and he also owns the building in which his office is located, at No. 608 Seminary street. His realty possessions are the visible evidence of his life of well directed effort and industry and prove that success is not a matter of genius but results from clear judgment, experience and indefatigable energy.

On the 1st of January, 1882, Mr. Baker was married to Miss Ida B. Piper, a daughter of Joseph H. and Rebecca (Trimmell) Piper. They have two children. The son, Walter E., who is a graduate of Illinois College and is now cashier of the Wells Fargo Company at Ottumwa, Iowa, married Miss Minnie A. Busch, who is a graduate of the Illinois University. Flossie J., who was educated in Vermilion county, is the wife of Ben Cox, of Oakwood township, and they have one child, Ross Baker.

Mr. Baker and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take an active and helpful part in its work and upbuilding. His political support is given to the republican party and at three different times he has been elected constable and is now serving his tenth year in that position. He also served as postmaster at Pilot and was assistant postmaster there for fourteen years. The cause of education has found in him a warm friend whose labors as school director have been effective in promoting the advancement of the schools. No public trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree. He is loyal to every public confidence, and in the discharge of his duties has proven his capability as well.

WILLIAM J. SANDUSKY.

The marvelous advancement of modern civilization is strikingly presented when we consider the contrast between the conditions that prevailed in the agricultural communities of Illinois in the pioneer times before the Civil war and those that prevail in the first decade of the twentieth century. In the earlier days the entire family generally lived in a log cabin of one or two rooms; people traveled on foot or on horseback; there were no macadamized roads; bridges were very few and far between; markets were many miles away; all farm produce and merchandise was conveyed by wagon or by boat; and means of communication with the great world were indeed uncertain. The family, which often included ten or twelve children, was supplied only with the simplest necessities, raising its own food—except what was secured by the use of the rifle in the forest—and the women of the household manufacturing the clothing of all its members. An economy prevailed of which we hardly have conception. Money was scarce and a silver dollar was regarded with a greater respect than a twenty dollar gold piece under present conditions. When we consider the transformation to the beautiful homes of today, the elegantly equipped railway train or the easy riding automobile, the newspaper, telegraph, telephone, the department store, well-conducted schools and colleges and numberless other accessories of modern life, then may we perceive that

the world has, indeed, moved and we are living in the midst of so many blessings that we have become almost insensible to their presence.

Such are the ideas suggested by a consideration of the opportunities of William J. Sandusky, whose name appears at the head of this review, as compared with those possessed by the earlier members of the family, who assisted so materially in the upbuilding of central Illinois. The father of our subject, Josiah S. Sandusky, was born in Vermilion county, Illinois, September 11, 1837. He early gained acquaintance with the hardships attendant upon the settlement of a new country and as the years passed became himself one of the instrumentalities in the wonderful transformation, fortunately living until he abundantly enjoyed the advantages that modern conditions supply.

The Sandusky family is of Polish origin, the name originally having been spelled Sodowsky. The founder of the family in America was of noble ancestry and was banished from his native land on account of his efforts in behalf of liberty for his suffering countrymen. Attracted westward, he came to America in 1856 and was here married to a sister of Governor Inslip, of the colony of Virginia, but some years later, after the close of the Revolutionary war, was murdered through mistake as to his identity by Indians in northern Ohio, who had been imposed upon by white men and took revenge on the first member of the race they met, killing one of their best friends. The bay of Sandusky and also the city of Sandusky, Ohio, took their name from this brave pioneer. The grandparents of our subject on his father's side were Abraham and Jane (McDowell) Sandusky, both natives of Bourbon county, Kentucky, the former born March 29, 1793, and the latter December 16, 1792. They emigrated with five children to Illinois in 1837 and the original cabin that sheltered the pioneer family stood near the spot now occupied by the beautiful and commodious family home which was erected by the father of our subject in 1872. Eight children blessed their union: Harvey, Elizabeth, Agnes, William, Abraham, Euphemia, Jane and Josiah. Harvey retained the original spelling of the family name—Sodowsky—all other members of the family adopting the Americanized style.

Josiah Sandusky, the youngest of the children, became owner of a farm inherited from his father and added to it as the years passed until his place comprised more than one thousand acres and was known as one of the most valuable landed possessions in this part of the state. For many years he was in partnership with his brother Abraham in farming and stock raising and he became a leading breeder of fine stock and fast horses, buyers coming to visit his herds from all parts of the United States. As the years passed he gathered a fine library and became an unusually well informed man, although possessing limited opportunities of education in his youthful days, and he will long be remembered as a true gentleman and a man who never departed from the path of rectitude and honor. He was called from earthly scenes February 13, 1901, at the age of sixty-four years, and his remains were deposited by loving hands in their last resting place in Sandusky cemetery in the region where he had spent his life and where he accomplished a noble mission and established a reputation based upon the best qualities of American citizenship that will endure as a monument to his memory. On December 18, 1873, he was married to Miss

Susan Moreland, a daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Hedges) Moreland, who were both of English ancestry. Five children were born to the union, three of whom are living: Pearl, born January 27, 1878; Abraham J., October 2, 1883; and William J., our subject.

Born on the home farm May 27, 1888, William J. Sandusky was educated in the district schools and the Danville high school, later taking an agricultural course at the University of Illinois. Returning home, he assumed the management of the family estate, which now comprises about twelve hundred and fifty acres of land and is one of the most complete farm properties in this part of the country.

On June 20, 1909, Mr. Sandusky was married to Miss Pearl Burk, the accomplished daughter of William and Martha (Snyder) Burk, of Danville, and they have one child, Jane Sandusky, born August 31, 1910. Mr. Sandusky is socially identified with the Phi Alpha Delta, a Greek college fraternity, and is in sympathy with the principles of the republican party, although he has strong prohibition tendencies, having observed the evil effects of alcoholic liquors. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and at the beginning of his active career possessed opportunities of usefulness that few can claim even under the most favoring conditions. As a representative of a prominent family he has many well wishers who have every reason to prophesy that he will prove a worthy successor to a long line of noted ancestry.

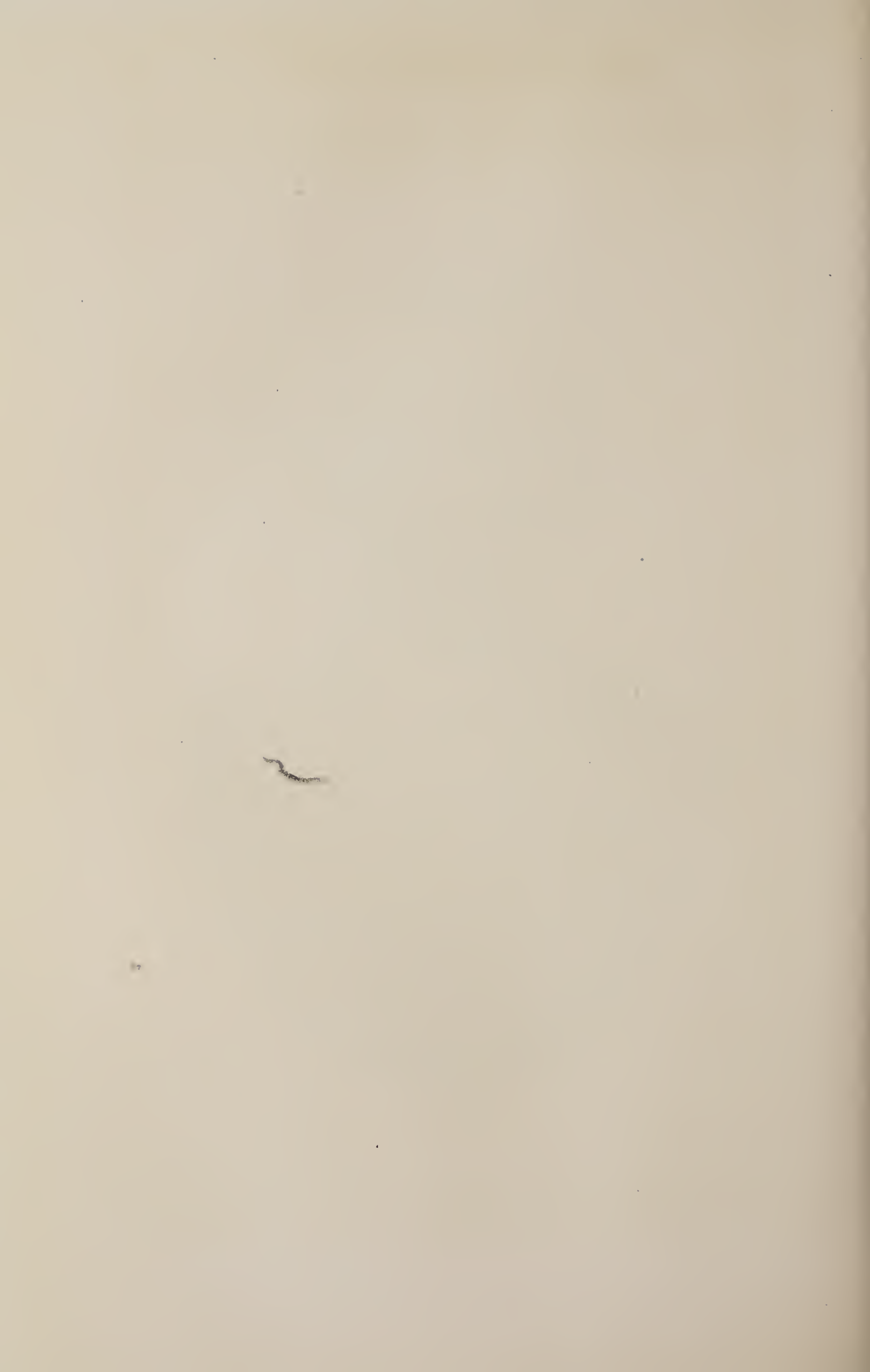
SAMUEL A. JENKINS.

Samuel A. Jenkins, a prosperous and well known farmer of Newell township, Vermilion county, who is a native of this county, has spent his entire life here. He was born August 13, 1864, a son of Richard M. and Lucinda (Mullen) Jenkins, who came from Ohio to this state in 1863 and settled in this county. The father was a good farmer and became the owner of a highly cultivated place of two hundred and eighteen acres, upon which he lived, enjoying the prosperity which usually comes to one who performs his duty faithfully, until his death, which occurred January 22, 1902. The mother departed this life October 28, 1899, greatly mourned by her family and many friends in this portion of the county. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins five children: John F., a sketch of whom appears in this work; Elnora; Clara Dell, who died in infancy; Samuel, the subject of this review; and Alice.

Samuel A. Jenkins grew up upon the farm and gained his education in the district school, where he was an apt pupil, even in his early years giving evidence of an ability which has since manifested itself in carrying out the practical duties of life. He lived with his parents until their death and has since made his home with his sister at the old homestead. In addition, however, to the operation of this farm, he has acquired seventy-five acres of land adjoining, which he has himself improved and which is one of the valuable tracts of farming land in the township. Mr. Jenkins is not only a thorough agriculturist but he also understands stock-raising and marketing and all the details that con-



S. A. JENKINS



tribute toward the life of a successful farmer, fully awake to the improvements of the age and occupying a high standing in the community.

Mr. Jenkins has never married. From the time he cast his first ballot he has been identified with the republican party, believing that its principles are best adapted for free institutions and also that it is the party which best represents the spirit of progress which is abroad all over the world, especially in a great republic. He has never been a candidate for the honors of party office, but for four years he acted as constable of the township, performing the duties of the position with the same interest and zeal that he bestows upon his own private affairs. Mr. Jenkins is a member of one of the stanch families of Vermilion county whose name has always been a synonym for industry, integrity and right living. He is an enterprising and progressive citizen and has well earned the confidence and esteem not only of the people of his own township but of the well disposed citizens in the county.

ANDREW C. DANIEL.

Throughout Danville and Vermilion county Andrew C. Daniel is spoken of in terms of admiration and respect. His life was so varied in its activity and so honorable in its purposes, so far-reaching and beneficial in its effects, that it became an integral part of the history of the city. In no sense a man in public life, he nevertheless exerted an immeasurable influence in the city of his residence by the extent and importance of his business interests, by his unfeigned cordiality and charming personality that made him a favorite in social circles and by his generous support of those measures which he believed would be of benefit to the individual and to the community at large.

A native of New York, Mr. Daniel was born in Mooresville March 26, 1835, the schools of the Empire state affording him his educational privileges. That he early became cognizant of the value of industry and integrity as factors in a successful business career is evidenced by the results which he achieved in later years. When a young man he came to Danville with the firm of Kirkland Brothers, mine operators, and remained with them for several years. Later he was associated with Roswell Smith, a former owner of the Century Magazine. Afterward he organized the Ellsworth Coal Company. His keen insight enabled him to see business openings and to look beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities of the future. He eagerly grasped every opportunity for legitimate and honorable advancement, and his business career was therefore marked by continuous and admirable progress. After being associated for some time with the development of mining interests in this region he became a partner of the late W. P. Cannon in organizing the local street railway system and also the Electric Light & Gas Company, which later disposed of its plant and stock to the McKinley system. His efforts in both directions constituted a valuable element in the city's growth and upbuilding. As opportunity offered, he made judicious investments in real estate, and his interests in city property became extensive. He was the owner of the

Daniel block and other valuable realty which returned to him an excellent income during the last twelve years of his life, in which he lived retired save for the management of his property.

Mr. Daniel was married in Danville, in 1865, to Miss Jane C. Palmer, a daughter of Levin T. Palmer, who came to Illinois from Long Island, New York. Unto them was born a daughter, now Mrs. A. R. Samuel.

The death of Mr. Daniel occurred on the 11th of October, 1907. He was always independent in politics, supporting the candidates whom he thought best qualified for office without regard to party affiliation. In his fraternal relations he was a Mason and attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He was greatly interested in schools and for several years served on the board of education, during which time he did all in his power to perfect the system of public instruction and make the schools of the city a force in character building as well as in the business life of the children who were soon to take their places as factors in the workaday world. He attended the Presbyterian church and his life was exemplary in all that he did. His record conformed to the strictest principles of business honor and his success was never attained by the sacrifice of others' interests. He was known and honored for his genuine worth, for his progressiveness in citizenship, his loyalty in friendship and his devotion to his family.

JOSIAH SANDUSKY.

Among the prominent farmers and successful stockmen of Vermilion county probably none were better known than Josiah Sandusky, who for many years was actively identified with the agricultural interests of this section of the state. His entire life was passed in this county, his birth occurring in Carroll township, September 11, 1837, his parents being Abraham and Jane Sandusky. The family was founded in America by Sodowsky, a Polish exile of noble birth, proud spirit and lofty patriotism, who came to this country in 1730 and settled in Virginia. Unable longer to tolerate the despotic rule of Russia, he became the leader in a rebellion against the czar and when defeated, but not subdued, he came to America. Later he married the daughter of a wealthy planter named Inskip, of the colony of Virginia, and his son, Captain James Sodowsky, joined Count Pulaski's Polish regiment of American volunteers during the war of the Revolution. He was married in Hardy county, Virginia, in 1782, to Miss Mary Ball Brown, a direct descendant of Mary Ball, the mother of George Washington, and removed to Kentucky the same year. At his death he left six children, namely: Andrew, Thomas, Mrs. Sarah Parker, Jacob, Isaac and Abraham. For many years the father of James Sandusky was employed as a trader with the Indians on Lake Erie, and the town and bay where the city of Sandusky now stands took their name from him. He was later killed by the red men.

The name of Sandusky is derived from the word Out-Sand-Ouke, meaning clear water or Sa-Dusti, meaning large body of water. It has been va-

riously spelled by members of the family—Sodowsky, Sanduski and Sandusky—but the original spelling was Sodowsky, as used by the first American ancestor, Jacob Sodowsky. His sons, James and Jacob Sandusky, removed from Virginia to Kentucky in 1773, shortly before the invasion of Daniel Boone, and later James settled in Bourbon county, that state, the family clearing large tracts of land in different sections of the country, while his two sons, Isaac and Abraham, subsequently came to Vermilion county, Illinois. Our subject's great-grandfather, Jacob Sodowsky, also joined the continental army during the war for independence and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis. Subsequent generations took part in the war of 1812, and the family has ever been a patriotic and loyal one, known for their strong traits of character, good common sense and loyal citizenship.

Abraham Sandusky, the father of our subject, was born March 29, 1793, in Kentucky, and in early manhood married Jane McDowel, who was born December 16, 1792, and died in 1865, while his death occurred in 1866. They became the parents of the following children: Harvey, Elizabeth, Polly, Agnes, William, Abraham, Euphemia, Jane and Josiah, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of Abraham, who with his brother William became a prominent farmer and stockman of Carroll township, Vermilion county, Illinois. Most of this family took the name of Sandusky, but Harvey retained the ancestral spelling of Sodowsky.

During his boyhood Josiah Sandusky attended the district school near his home and later through reading, observation and experience became a well informed man. He was particularly fond of reading and possessed a retentive memory. Throughout his business career he carried on general farming and stock-raising and remained at home until his father's death, which occurred when he was about twenty-nine years of age. Subsequently he formed a partnership with his brother Abraham, which connection continued for many years. He inherited some land from his father's estate and, prospering in his farming operations, he added to his property as his financial resources increased until he was the owner of one thousand acres of very valuable and productive land in this section of the state. He devoted considerable attention to the raising of stock and at the time of his demise possessed one of the largest herds of ducness cattle in the world. Stock dealers came to him from all parts of the United States and Canada not only to buy his cattle but also horses, for he was one of the leading breeders of fast stock, both running and trotting, in this part of the country. At a sale which was held subsequent to his death his horses brought about five thousand dollars, while the sale of his cattle returned to the family ten thousand and seven hundred dollars. He did much to improve the grade of stock in this portion of the state and thereby materially advanced prices. In the management of his affairs he was careful, systematic and methodical, and above all he was strictly honest in every trade transaction. He became one of the owners of the Indianola Fair Association and did everything in his power to promote the interests of agriculturists.

On the 18th of December, 1873, Mr. Sandusky married Miss Susan Margaret Moreland, a native of Bourbon county, Kentucky, who was educated at St.

Mary's School near Terre Haute, Indiana, and was a very bright, intelligent woman. Her parents were Thomas and Catherine (Hedges) Moreland, also natives of Kentucky, and on the paternal side she is of Scotch-Irish descent. Her great-grandfather, William Moreland, settled in Pennsylvania prior to the Revolutionary war and from that state his son William removed to Kentucky, where he married Margaret Whaley. They made their home in Morelandville, Fayette county, about twelve miles from Lexington on the Paris and Lexington pike. The village was named in his honor and the Masonic lodge of that place also bears his name. William Moreland and his wife were the parents of three sons and a daughter, of whom Thomas Moreland, the father of Mrs. Sandusky, was the third in order of birth. He engaged in breeding and dealing in fine horses in Kentucky and later, on account of ill health, came to Illinois, settling in Carroll township, Vermilion county, in 1857. Here he died in 1864. In Bourbon county, Kentucky, he had married Miss Catherine Hedges, a daughter of Peter Hedges, a native of Virginia. The Hedges family was connected with the nobility of England, being descended from Sir Charles Hedges, who was prominent in the court of Queen Elizabeth. The first of the name to come to American was Joseph Hedges, who was disinherited by his father for marrying outside of the nobility, but he was true to the woman whom he loved and wedded, a merchant's daughter. He brought his bride to the new world, settling with the Virginia colony at Jamestown. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moreland were born nine children, four of whom are now living, namely: Susan M., the widow of Josiah Sandusky; Fannie Z., who makes her home with her elder sister; John T., of Columbia, Missouri; and Kate, the wife of Charles Cooper, of Greencastle, Indiana. The father of these children passed away in January, 1864, and the mother, who long survived him, died in August, 1897, at the age of sixty-nine years.

The republican party found in Mr. Sandusky a stanch supporter of its principles but he never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests and to his family. After a useful and well spent life he passed away on the 13th of February, 1901, and was laid to rest in the Sandusky cemetery in Carroll township. He is still survived by his wife, who ever proved to him a true helpmate and companion. He was a man devoted to his home and family, and he possessed those characteristics that won the friendship and lasting regard of those with whom he was brought in contact.

Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sandusky the oldest, a daughter, died in infancy and the third, a son, also died in infancy. Pearl, the second child, was born January 22, 1878, and was married on the 29th of October, 1902, to Forrest Fisher Pyne, of Los Angeles, California, who died on the 24th of June, 1903. He was born in Vermilion county, Illinois, in 1872, and after completing his education at a college in Iowa was engaged in the piano business in California, owning two stores there. His father was an inventor and helped to install several flourmills throughout this county. Abraham H. Sandusky, the fourth of the family, who was born October 2, 1882, and is now living in California, was married on the 4th of October, 1906, to Miss Suzanne Reynolds, of

Whittier, that state, who was born in Indiana, September 28, 1884. William J., born May 27, 1888, completes the family. He was married June 20, 1909, to Miss Pearl Burk, whose birth occurred near Potomac, Illinois, October 4, 1889. They have one child, James, born August 31, 1910. The family has become prominent in the various communities where its representatives have resided and those living in Vermilion county are held in the highest esteem.

COMMODORE PERRY BROWN.

Among the successful citizens of Vermilion county now living retired may be named Commodore Perry Brown, who occupies a beautiful home at No. 1656 North Vermilion street, Danville. He was born in Parke county, Indiana, in 1852 and received his Christian name from Commodore Perry, who in 1852-4 was successful in opening up Japan to American commerce, thus assisting largely in the progress of civilization on the Orient. The father of our subject, William Houston Brown, was born in Butler county, Ohio, in 1814 and was a successful farmer. He came to Vermilion county in 1856 and settled at Ridge Farm, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away in November, 1898. Lydia (Lusk) Brown, the mother of our subject, was a native of Parke county, Indiana, born in 1831. The grandfather, Samuel Brown, was the son of a Revolutionary war patriot and served in a Pennsylvania regiment, while the mother's father, Salmon Lusk, was a soldier in the war of 1812. The latter married Mary Beard, a daughter in the family that baked and furnished the bread for the regiment in which Salmon Lusk served. Her father, John Beard, came west in the early days and was extensively interested in building gristmills. He built the first gristmill at Kankakee, Illinois, and was well known among the pioneer settlers.

The subject of this review grew up under the favoring influences of a good home and attended the district school at Ridge Farm, Illinois, and for one year was a student in Wabash College. Going to Chicago, he took a business course in one of the commercial schools of the city and also a medical course in Rush Medical College. Since arriving at manhood he has been deeply interested in medical and scientific subjects but he has never followed the practice of medicine. After leaving school he began his business career as a farmer at Murdock, Douglas county, Illinois, and also at Ridge Farm, applying himself with such diligence that he became in a large degree independent financially. Progressive and energetic in business affairs, he was not obliged to wait long years before reaping the benefits of his efforts. His farming interests at Ridge Farm assumed such favorable proportions that in 1893, on account of his wife's health, he retired from active work and has since made his home in Danville. Here he has had opportunity for reading and investigation in science and literature, at the same time possessing the advantages of society and recreation not readily available in a rural community.

In 1885 Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Ella Campbell, who was born at Murdock, Illinois, in 1865, a daughter of William and Sarah (Helm) Campbell. The father was born in Tennessee in 1836 and the mother in Owen county, Indiana, in 1835. One child, Oliver P., has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Brown. He was born in 1887 and received a good education in Danville.

Mr. Brown is not affiliated with any local religious organization but he is an active member of the Masonic order and a staunch believer in its fraternal principles. Politically he is inclined to be independent, being of the opinion that a strict adherence to one party is detrimental to the best interests of the country. He votes for the man he regards as best adapted to meet the requirements of the situation and is opposed to the introduction of national politics into local affairs. He has never cared for political honors but as a patriotic citizen assists to the extent of his ability in forwarding the best interests of those with whom he is associated.

LEWIS WILLIAMS.

Lewis Williams, one of the enterprising and industrious business men of Danville, is now serving as buyer, secretary and treasurer of the Webster Grocer Company. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for his birth occurred in England, January 12, 1871, and he is of English descent. His parents were Richard and Elizabeth (Pike) Williams, both of whom are now deceased, the father having passed away in November, 1884, and the mother on the 14th of October, 1906. Having learned the plumber's trade in early life, Richard Williams followed that occupation after coming to Danville, where he located in 1874. Prior to this, however, he had spent a short time in Chicago, but the remainder of his life was passed in Danville.

To the public schools of this city Lewis Williams is indebted for the educational advantages he received during his boyhood and youth. On starting out in life for himself he was first employed as clerk in a shoe store, where he remained but a short time, however. He then became connected with the Webster Grocer Company as a general utility boy. By taking an active interest in the business and by being prompt and reliable in the discharge of his duties, he was promoted from time to time and has filled every position known in an establishment of that kind. At present he is buyer, secretary and treasurer of the company which enjoys a large wholesale trade and for the past twenty-two years Mr. Williams has devoted his entire time and energies to promote its success. Today he is also financially interested in the concern and the success that he has achieved in business is certainly well merited.

Mr. Williams was married in Chicago on the 24th of April, 1897, to Miss Catherine Musgrove, a daughter of Thomas and Lucy Musgrove, who are of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction and are old residents of Danville, where they still make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have two children, both born

in Danville: Joseph Richard, whose birth occurred November 22, 1905, and Martha Elizabeth, born December 14, 1908.

Mr. Williams' religious faith is indicated in his membership in Trinity Episcopal church, in which he is now holding the office of treasurer, and he has ever taken an active and prominent part in church work. At the polls he gives support to the republican party and is at all times interested in public affairs, but the honors and emoluments of public office have no attraction for him, preferring as he does to direct his entire energy to the conduct of his personal affairs. He has at all times realized the value of perseverance and industry and throughout his entire business career these elements have been the salient characteristics. Having passed almost his entire life in Danville, he has gained an extensive circle of friends who entertain for him high regard, while he enjoys the respect, confidence and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

WILLIAM BOND.

There is nothing so encouraging to those who have to start out in life empty handed as the history of success of a self-made man such as was William Bond. His life record proves that prosperity and an honored name may be won simultaneously. From the age of sixteen years he was dependent upon his own resources and his industry and the utilization of the opportunities that came to him enabled him in the later years of his life to live retired.

His birth occurred in Baltimore county, Maryland, on the 18th of July, 1818, and he pursued his education in the schools of that city to the age of sixteen years, when he put aside his text-books and made his initial step in the business world. Going to New Market, a small village near Baltimore, he there learned the wood-worker's trade with his brother and became very proficient in his efforts along that line. In 1837 he made his way to Jefferson county, Ohio, in company with his brother, the journey being made overland by wagon. There he assisted his brother in the manufacture and sale of threshing machines and subsequently removed to Harrison county, Ohio, settling near Cadiz. There he continued in the manufacture of threshing machines and general farm machinery until 1878, building a business of large and profitable proportions. He then came to Hoopeston after selling his farm in Ohio at a very gratifying figure. Following his arrival in Vermilion county he purchased a farm near Hoopeston and became a well known agriculturist and stock-raiser, carrying on the business here for many years but retiring in the latter part of his life. He brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, using the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work, and he also kept upon this place high grades of stock for which he found a ready sale on the market. In all of his business methods he was practical as well as determined and perserving and the results of his activity were measured in the tangible terms of success.

Mr. Bond was married twice. On the 25th of February, 1846, he wedded Elizabeth Williams, of Harrison county, Ohio, and they traveled life's journey

together for forty-seven years. Mrs. Bond passed away in 1893. Of their five children, three died of fever in 1860. The twin sons are John and Nathan, the former a farmer of Minnesota and the latter connected with a publishing company in Chicago. On the 29th of August, 1901, Mr. Bond was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Amanda C. Bilbo, a daughter of Thomas and Ann (Newman) Butt, who were well known farming people of the Antioch neighborhood. Mrs. Bond still resides in Hoopeston, where she is well known.

In the death of Mr. Bond the community lost a citizen whose worth was widely acknowledged. His political support was given to the republican party and he was not slow to assist any worthy project which promised for the benefit and upbuilding of the community. He preferred home life to office holding, however, enjoyed the companionship of his friends and was ever loyal in all of his social relations. In business affairs his integrity was above question and thus by a well spent and honorable life he gained the respect and esteem of all with whom he was brought in contact.

HOMER MOORE.

Homer Moore is a representative of one of the oldest families of Vermilion county. Eighty-seven years have passed since his grandparents, Nelson R. and Ann (Milligan) Moore, came to this section of the state, arriving in 1823. The former was a son of Carroll Moore. In 1764 there were seven brothers who sailed from Ireland and made their way to Raleigh, North Carolina, Carroll being among this number. At the time of the Revolutionary war he espoused the cause of the colonists and aided in the attainment of American independence. One of his brothers, however, remained loyal to the English cause and was killed at the battle of Brandywine.

Elijah Moore, the father of Homer Moore, was born in Georgetown, Vermilion county, Illinois, in 1825, upon the same farm where the birth of his son Homer occurred. What a picture of pioneer life the country then presented! Its lands were undeveloped, its forests uncut and its streams unbridged. There were a few settlers who had recognized the richness of the soil and the opportunities here offered and had, therefore, taken up their abode in this district. Elijah Moore turned his attention to farming and spent all of his life upon the old homestead, where he died when seventy-two years of age. His remains were interred in this county. In early manhood he had married Rena Chambers, who came from Indiana to Illinois. On the 7th of September, 1910, at the age of eighty-one years, she passed away at the old homestead where she had lived since 1848. The farm was originally five hundred acres in extent, embracing what is now the southwestern portion of the city of Georgetown. It was one of the early developed properties of this part of the state and the richness of the soil made ready response to the care and labor which were bestowed upon the fields.

Homer Moore was educated in the schools of Vermilion county, where his birth occurred June 6, 1851. Throughout his youth he worked upon the farm



HOMER MOORE

and attended school, his thorough mental training well qualifying him for the duties which afterward devolved upon him. He continued on the old homestead until twenty-one years of age, when he went to Colusa county, California, where he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land. His nearest neighbor at that time was eight miles away and thus isolated he remained upon the ranch for two years. At the end of that time he went to Los Angeles, California, where he engaged in the transfer business, but, becoming convinced that the opportunities of the middle west were superior to those of the district in which he had located, he came back to the old homestead and turned his attention to the poultry business in 1878. He maintained an office in Georgetown for a time, but afterward, owing to better freight facilities, removed his business to Danville in 1889, securing quarters on West Main street. He continued to deal in poultry for thirty years and at the end of that time turned the business over to his two sons, Paul F. and Homer, Jr. In the intervening three decades he had built up a large trade, becoming one of the extensive poultry handlers of this part of the state. The city has offered him an excellent market and his ability in making purchases and sales brought to him the success that now numbers among Vermilion county's men of affluence.

On the 12th of October, 1881, Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Emma Fisher, and unto them have been born three children: Grace, who is now the wife of Harry Kay and has one son, Harold; Paul F., who married Ruth Jones; and Homer, Jr., who wedded May Houck and has one child, Paul Homer. On the 23d of November, 1892, Mr. Moore was again married, his second union being with Miss Emma Clark, and unto them has been born a son, Clark, who is now a freshman in the high school of Danville. Mr. Moore is a member of the Tribe of Ben Hur and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. The members of the family through four generations have been connected with the vital interests of Vermilion county—with its upbuilding along material, intellectual, social and moral lines. They have ever stood for progress and Homer Moore, like his father and grandfather, has ever been recognized as one of the representative citizens of this part of the state. While he has not sought to figure prominently in public affairs, he belongs to that class whose stable manhood constitutes the source of real strength in the community.

ALLEN W. BAILEY.

Allen W. Bailey, a well known butcher and representative business man of Danville, was born in Hillsboro, Indiana, February 3, 1871. He is the second in order of birth in a family of seven children, whose parents are Sanford and Sarah Jane (Riston) Bailey, who are now residents of Danville, the father carrying on business here as a grocery merchant. In the family were the following children: Lena, now the wife of Hugh McDermott, a resident of Chicago; Allen W.; Hattie, deceased; William H., a resident of Danville; Callie, the wife of Logan Sloan, of Danville, who is a tinner by trade; and Frances, deceased.

Allen W. Bailey obtained his education in the public schools of Danville and later learned the butcher's trade. Becoming a thorough, practical workman, he embarked in business on his own account in 1898, his first shop being at 308 South street, but in 1901 he removed to 403 South street.

Mr. Bailey was married in Covington, Indiana, October 10, 1890, to Miss Anna Meyers, a daughter of John Meyers, one of the early residents of Danville, and they have become the parents of six children, namely: Leon F.; Donald A., deceased; Bernard E.; Russell Sanford; Anna Margaret, and Mary Ellen.

The wife and mother is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church, while Mr. Bailey holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and in politics is identified with the republican party, though he takes no active part in its work and has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He is a good, reliable business man and prefers to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests.

SAMUEL CAMPBELL.

Samuel Campbell, deceased, was the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Oakwood township, which paid tribute to the care and labor which he bestowed upon it. He was born in Newell township, Vermilion county, in 1847, a son of Joseph and Eliza (Makemson) Campbell, natives of New York and of Kentucky respectively. The parents were married in Illinois and became farming people of Newell township, Mr. Campbell carefully and successfully conducting his agricultural interests, so that his financial resources increased and he made further investment in real estate until at the time of his death he owned six hundred acres of valuable farm land. He died at the age of forty-one years and his widow, long surviving him, passed away at the age of eighty-nine. They were among the worthy pioneer people of this section of the state and enjoyed the warm regard of all who knew them. Their family numbered five children: J. D., of Newell township; Jane, who is a resident of St. Louis; Andrew, living in Vermilion county; Mary, whose demise occurred in 1905; and Samuel, of this review.

As an Illinois farm boy of the latter part of the nineteenth century Samuel Campbell was reared, his time being divided between the duties of the school-room, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. On attaining his majority he started out for himself, beginning with the cultivation of the old homestead. He followed farming in Newell township for a few years and then removed to Oakwood township, where he purchased the farm upon which he continued to reside throughout the remainder of his life. He brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and everything about the farm presented a neat and thrifty appearance, indicating his careful supervision and progressive methods.

In 1879 Mr. Campbell was married to Miss Angie Lynch, a native of this county, and unto them was born a son, William, who died in infancy. The

death of Mrs. Campbell occurred in 1881 and about three years later Mr. Campbell wedded Miss Phebe Bradbury, a native of Pennsylvania. They became the parents of two children: Bessie E., who died August 12, 1889, at the age of two years; and Russell J., at home. The son was provided with a college education. In 1906 Mr. Campbell was called upon to mourn the loss of his second wife, who died on the 12th of May of that year. In 1909 he married Miss Mary E. Huber, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Reuben and Eunice (Simpson) Huber, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. Their family numbered three children but the firstborn died unnamed in infancy and Josephine died at the age of two years, leaving Mrs. Campbell as the only surviving member of the family.

A stalwart republican yet not an office seeker, Mr. Campbell kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He belonged to Collison Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and to the Odd Fellows lodge of Danville. He was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs, and their many sterling traits of character gained for them the warm and enduring regard of a large circle of friends. After a useful and well spent life Mr. Campbell passed away on the 6th of October, 1910. He had long been a resident of Vermilion county and his history was well known to a large circle of friends, and there was naught in his life but what commanded high regard and esteem.

HENRY SILL FORBES.

Along the highway of usefulness and activity Henry Sill Forbes traveled to the goal of success. His start in the business world was a comparatively humble one but gradually he advanced until he became well known as a representative of the real-estate and brokerage business in Danville. He was a native of Middletown, Connecticut, born October 21, 1829, but being brought to Illinois in early manhood he pursued his education in the Danville schools. He then entered the employ of local business men, under whose direction he received thorough training, and there awakened in him the ambition and desire to one day engage in business on his own account. Toward that end therefore he continually worked and when he felt that his experience and capital were sufficient he embarked in the real-estate and brokerage business, in which he secured a large clientage. He handled much property and also commercial paper and was well informed concerning the value of both.

In 1858, in Danville, Mr. Forbes was united in marriage to Miss Lucy H. Wright, who died in 1862, leaving two sons, Chester W. and Frederick A., but the latter died in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Forbes chose Miss Georgiana Dann, of Avon, New York, whom he wedded in 1865. She died in 1867, leaving a daughter, Georgia. In 1871 Mr. Forbes was again married to Katherine G. Harris, who survives him. His son Chester married Eva Snapp, and his daughter, Georgia D., is the wife of Alpheus Cruzan, a general contractor.

Mr. Forbes gave his political allegiance to the democratic party and was always interested in matters of progressive citizenship but never sought or desired office. He held membership in Holy Trinity church and a well spent life

made his death greatly regretted by all who knew him. He passed away in 1886, and his memory is yet cherished by many friends, for he has spent almost his entire life in Danville and his many good traits of character gained him the confidence and esteem of those who knew him.

L. A. CHESLEY.

The manufacturing interests of Danville find a worthy representative in L. A. Chesley, who is now secretary and treasurer of the Danville Foundry and Machine Company. He was born in this city March 2, 1863, and is a son of Robert V. Chesley, who in his day was one of Vermilion county's most prominent and brilliant lawyers. The father was born on the 9th of May, 1832, in Virginia, his father being Alexander P. Chesley, who at one time served as postmaster of Danville. Robert Chesley attended school in Columbus, Ohio, and on leaving that city came to Vermilion county, Illinois, where he learned the harnessmaker's trade, at which he worked for a number of years, and later engaged in clerking in a drug store and dry-goods store. He next conducted a harness and saddlery shop of his own but later resumed clerking, following that occupation until September, 1861. The Civil war having broken out, he then enlisted in Company C, Twelfth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Captain McArthur and General U. S. Grant. He participated in a number of engagements, including the battle of Fort Donelson, where he was wounded in the leg, and was then sent to a hospital. On his recovery he took up the study of law, to which he had previously devoted some time while working at his trade. He was at length admitted to the bar and opened an office in Danville, eventually becoming one of the leading attorneys of this section of the state. He was often employed on the same cases with Lincoln and Douglas and was regarded as one of the most brilliant orators of his time. In politics he was an ardent republican, while fraternally he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and religiously was a member of the Presbyterian church.

On the 21st of October, 1852, Robert V. Chesley was married in Danville to Miss Helen M. Russel, who was born in Litchfield county, Connecticut, August 16, 1830, a daughter of William F. and Emeline (Bradley) Russel, also natives of that state. Her father brought his family to Vermilion county in 1833 and became one of the leading business men of Danville, taking a prominent part in public affairs. He was a supporter of the democratic party and a member of the Universalist church, the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He died in March, 1856, and his wife passed away November 7, 1866. There were five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Chesley: Charles E., proprietor of the Chesley Boiler Works of Danville; Frederick H., also a resident of Danville; John L. and L. A., who make their home in the same city; and Helen May, the wife of W. S. Rowison, of Danville.

L. A. Chesley attended the public schools of this city until he entered the high school, when he was obliged to put aside his text-books and enter upon his business career, as his father had died and it was necessary for him to provide

for his own support. At the age of fourteen he entered upon an apprenticeship to his uncle, William Reynolds, who was engaged in the jewelry business, but, finding that work too confining, a year later he sought employment in the general store of Villars Brothers, where he worked as office boy and bookkeeper for some time. He was next in the employ of Owens & Pixley, clothiers, with whom he remained for three years and then for a year and a half was with the firm of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Company of Chicago. On his return to Danville at the end of that time Mr. Chesley became connected with the Danville Machine Works as bookkeeper, which establishment was organized by William Stewart in 1872 and incorporated in 1891 as the Danville Foundry & Machine Company, and was conducted by him until his death May 29, 1901. Mr. Chesley was elected secretary and treasurer, in which capacity he has since served. They do an extensive and profitable business and much of the success of the enterprise is due to the untiring and well directed efforts of our subject.

On the 9th of January, 1882, Mr. Chesley married Miss Helen Stewart, a daughter of William Stewart, the founder of the company, and they became the parents of three children: Frederick Goulding, born May 13, 1883, is now deceased. He was married September 29, 1908, to Mary Winifred Hess, of Danville. William Stewart, born November 20, 1885, is the next of the family. Helen D., born February 14, 1888, was married January 20, 1909, to J. Gilman Oswalt, and they have one child, Fred Chesley, born October 15, 1909.

In his political affiliations Mr. Chesley is a republican and, although he has never taken a very active or prominent part in politics, he is deeply interested in public affairs and served three terms as alderman of the fourth ward. In his fraternal relations he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Arcanum. Such in general outline is the history of L. A. Chesley, a man whose activities have wrought for good not only to his own benefit but also to the welfare of the public. He has been a champion of progressive measures which have been the motive force of Danville's industrial and business development, and in social and business circles he occupies an enviable position.

HARPER DANIELS.

The history of Harper Daniels is one which indicates clearly that success is ambition's answer; that it is the logical sequence of industry, intelligently directed. For long years he was connected with agriculture and with mercantile interests and is now living retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest.

He was born at Beverly, West Virginia, October 23, 1841, and is descended from ancestry represented in the colonial army in the Revolutionary war. He is also a distant relative of Senator Daniels of Virginia. His father, Madison Daniels, was born in West Virginia, in 1808, and was a farmer by occupation. He wedded Ellen Skidmore, who was born in 1812. Their family numbered nine children, six sons and three daughters. The mother had been previously married and by her first husband, William Moore, had one son, David, who is

now deceased. The children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Daniels were: George H., who married Martha Stemple; Harper, of this review; William P., who married Mattie McClain, but both are now deceased; John Allen, deceased, who married Marcia Hobart, now conducting the Danville Furniture Company; B. W., who is married and resides in Wichita, Kansas; Samuel, who is married and lives in San Bernardino, California; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Alpheus Buckey; Mary E., the wife of Aiken Harper, of Davis, West Virginia; and Christina, the wife of George E. Elborn, living in Elkins, West Virginia.

Harper Daniels pursued his early education in the schools of his native state and also attended the Old Red Seminary on Pine street in Danville, the highest school of the county at that time. He spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his native city and was twenty-one years of age when, in response to the call of the Confederacy, he joined the First Virginia Battery in the year 1862. He was with the Army of the Potomac throughout the period which he spent at the front and in Virginia was taken prisoner on the retreat from Gettysburg. He was incarcerated from July until Christmas, when he was paroled.

It was subsequent to this time that Mr. Daniels worked in order to earn money with which to come to Illinois and in 1865 he arrived in Vermilion county. For six months thereafter he was employed as a farm hand and it was subsequent to that time that he completed his education by attending the seminary here. In the year 1866 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Chenoweth, who was born April 25, 1843, a daughter of William Chenoweth, a farmer. She has two brothers who are yet living and has lost three brothers and three sisters.

Following his marriage Harper Daniels took up the occupation of farming as a life work, purchasing three hundred and twenty acres of land, which he cultivated and improved, making his home thereon for twelve years. In 1878 he rented his farm and removed to Danville. The first three years after taking up his abode in the city he bought and shipped stock and then turned his attention to the furniture and undertaking business. He continued in that line for twenty-three years and was one of the leading merchants of the city, having a well appointed store. Knowing that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement, he put forth every effort to please his customers and his reasonable prices and straightforward dealing won him substantial and well merited success. His efforts, too, were of a character that contributed to the commercial activity and consequent prosperity of the city.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Daniels were born three children. Alice is the wife of William K. Johnson, who resides upon a farm near Armstrong, Vermilion county, and unto them have been born three children—Harper, Thomas Griffith and Inez. Charles M. wedded Mamie Henshaw and with their two daughters, Charline and Miriam, they now reside in Los Angeles, California. Laura, the youngest, is deceased. The home of Mr. Daniels is a beautiful residence at No. 410 North Franklin street and he also owns the building at No. 111 Vermilion street occupied by J. D. Brosman, from which he receives a good rental.

Politically Mr. Daniels is a democrat. He served as school director while living in the country, but otherwise has not sought to figure in connection with public affairs other than through his business interests. He is a member of the Woodmen camp of Danville and the Odd Fellows lodge and he also belongs to

the Methodist church, serving as a member of its official board for fifty years and at all times guiding his life in accordance with its principles. He has traveled quite extensively, seeing most points of interest in his own country and visiting Alaska as well. He has never faltered in the performance of any duty whether of a public or private character and has long since proven himself a worthy and valued citizen of Vermilion county, his labors constituting an element in the work of general progress and improvement.

ARTHUR H. JEFFERS. ..

That the life history of Arthur H. Jeffers is a record of success is due to the persistent effort and intelligently directed industry which he has displayed through the years of his connection with agricultural interests in Vermilion county. A native of this county, he was born August 1, 1877, a son of Philip and Elmira (Dye) Jeffers, who were born in Ohio and came to Vermilion county, Illinois, in 1855. The father, who engaged in farming here for a number of years, still survives, but the mother passed away in February, 1909. In this county they reared their family, consisting of seven children, five of whom are yet living.

Fortunate in having his lines cast among the wholesome conditions and healthful environment of the farm, Arthur H. Jeffers grew up amid the busy activities of rural life and early became a factor in that life as he assumed the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad. Under the direction of his father he learned many lessons concerning the value of industry, energy and integrity, and as the years passed he gained a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the various branches of agriculture. He remained at home until attaining man's estate, when, deciding to enter the business world on his own account, he chose the occupation to which he had been reared as a life vocation. His independent career was begun as a renter, in which capacity he operated a farm for nine years, and then he purchased his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres, situated upon sections 9 and 15, Catlin township, upon which he has since made his home. Besides his home place he operates a rented farm of three hundred acres, and in addition to general farming he engages in the raising and feeding of stock, making a specialty of Poland China hogs. He handles a very good grade, and the quality of his product insures him high prices and ready sale upon the market. Thus his time is fully occupied with his business interests, and to the fact that he has never felt any inclination to direct his attention into other channels, but has concentrated his energies upon his agricultural pursuits, is doubtless due in large measure the success which he now enjoys.

On Christmas Day, of 1901, Mr. Jeffers was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Curtis, whose birth occurred in Vermilion county. She is a daughter of F. M. and Mary (Bogger) Curtis, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Vermilion county. The parents are still living, as are also their four children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jeffers were born two children but Merle H., the elder, is the only one now living, the other having passed away in infancy.

The Methodist Episcopal church finds in Mr. and Mrs. Jeffers most exemplary members, for they have ever sought to govern themselves according to its precepts and teachings. Having passed their entire lives within the borders of Vermilion county, both are well known here where they are held in the highest regard and esteem. Mr. Jeffers has voted with the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but he has never sought nor desired office as the reward for party fealty. Preeminently a home man, he has preferred the companionship of his family to outside interests, and yet he has attained a high place among his fellow citizens who honor him in large measure no less for the success which he has attained in agricultural circles than for his many excellent traits of character.

WILLIAM H. GARDNER.

William H. Gardner, whose Christian character was such as to command confidence and respect wherever he was known, was born in Otsego county, New York, March 10, 1832, and his life covered the intervening years to the 6th of March, 1906, when he was called to his final rest. His parents were Potter and Mary (Thurston) Gardner, natives of New York, where the father followed farming. The son, William H. Gardner, pursued his education in the public schools of the Empire state and spent his early life on the old homestead farm, where his experiences were such as usually fall to the lot of farm lads. His training developed the traits of industry and honesty and he came to recognize the fact that diligence and perseverance are the only qualities that constitute a substantial foundation for success. In the summer seasons he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm and in the winter months engaged in teaching school. He remained in the Empire state until he reached the age of twenty-four years and in 1856 he moved westward, settling in Woodford county, Illinois, where both he and his wife engaged in teaching, Mrs. Gardner even conducting classes in her own home before a schoolhouse was built. Following his arrival in the middle west Mr. Gardner taught school in the winter months and followed farming in the summer seasons. He displayed pronounced ability as an educator, imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge he had acquired. In time he was made superintendent of schools, filling that position acceptably for six years. He afterward took up his abode in Butler township, near East Lynn, in 1875 and remained upon that farm for seventeen years, during which period he carefully and systematically tilled his fields, which rendered him ready returns in substantial harvests. He then removed to Harvey in 1892 and there remained for ten years. He also spent a year and a half in Rensselaer, Indiana, after which he came to Hoopeston and from 1903 until his death lived retired in this city. His former success had made it unnecessary for him to again resort to labor for a livelihood, for his investments and his capital were such as to provide him a goodly annual income.

It was on the 16th of October, 1855, that Mr. Gardner was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. French, a daughter of James and Cynthia (Baker)

French, of Norwich, New York, the former a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner became the parents of two sons who are yet living: Bert O., a resident of Los Angeles, California; and Frank J., of Hoopeston.

Mr. Gardner was preeminently a man of domestic tastes and regarded no personal sacrifice or effort on his part too great if it would promote the welfare and happiness of his wife and children. He was also interested in the welfare of the community at large and for many years served as county supervisor in Vermilion and Woodford counties. He was also several times supervisor of Butler township and his personal popularity is indicated in the fact that he was elected on the democratic ticket in a republican township. He was chosen school treasurer in Harvey, which position he resigned on removing from that place. In 1870 he joined the Baptist church at Panola, Woodford county, and took an active part in its work. He assisted liberally toward the erection of new churches in Panola, East Lynn, Harvey and Hoopeston and was regarded as a pillar of the church in all the different localities in which he made his home. After coming to Hoopeston he joined the First Baptist church, served as deacon and was for many years Sunday school superintendent at Harvey. Whatever he could do to advance the interests of the church was cheerfully, willingly and quickly done. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity and the organization found him an exemplary representative. In fact he was loyal to every cause which he espoused and his support of any measure had its root in a desire for the public welfare. His influence was a potent force for good and his life record constitutes an example well worthy of emulation.

CLARK S. JONES.

Clark S. Jones, who has been actively and successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, resides on a farm in section 12, Danville township. His birth occurred in Vermilion county, Illinois, in 1868, his parents being Edward P. and Mary E. (Villers) Jones, the former likewise a native of this county and the latter of Ohio. Edward P. Jones, who was born in the year 1830, obtained his education in the district schools of Vermilion county and after completing his studies took up the work of the fields. Farming claimed his undivided attention throughout his active business career and he met with a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings. Any movement or measure calculated to advance the general welfare has ever found in him a staunch and helpful champion, and he enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance in the county which has always been his home.

Clark S. Jones, who was one of a family of six children, began his education in the district schools of this county and afterward attended the Danville Seminary for two years, while subsequently he spent a similar period at Valparaiso University. After returning to this county he located on a farm on section 12, Danville township, where he has since carried on his agricultural interests with marked success, the well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life, Mr. Jones chose Miss Lillian S. Smith, of Vermilion county, Indiana, who was educated at Perrysville, that state. Unto them were born two children, Carl S. and Winifred. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1906, her death being the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

Mr. Jones has ever proven a most loyal and public-spirited citizen, doing everything in his power to promote the best interests of the people at large. As he has lived in this county throughout practically his entire life, he has an extensive acquaintance here and his friends know him as an enterprising agriculturist and a man of genuine worth.

GRANT W. GOODWINE.

Among the general farmers of Vermilion county Grant W. Goodwine, of Potomac, occupies a prominent place, belonging as he does to one of the leading families of the county and being the owner of one of the finest farms in this part of the state. Mr. Goodwine was born in Vermilion county, August 7, 1879, and is a son of John W. and Arminda (Sperry) Goodwine, and grandson of Erastus and Ruth (Reese) Sperry. The maternal grandfather was a native of Ohio and came to this county with his parents and lived in Blount township, where he died May 14, 1852, being then thirty-two years of age. The grandmother was born near Indianapolis and they were married in 1840. They had five children, three of whom are now living: Wallace, a merchant of Muncie, Indiana; Arminda, the mother of our subject; and Amanda, the wife of S. B. Deamude, of this county.

Grant W. Goodwine was reared under the protective care of a loving father and mother and was educated in the common schools. Having grown up in the atmosphere of the farm, he became thoroughly familiar with its various labors and at eighteen years of age he began farming in Pilot township, where he continued with marked success until five years ago, since which time he has resided in Potomac. He and his mother are the owners of nine hundred and fifty acres of land, which is ultimately to become the property of the son. The farm is one of the finest in the county and is supplied with every convenience for carrying forward all operations pertaining to agriculture and the raising of live stock.

In 1903 Mr. Goodwine was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Lee, of Ross-ville, this county, and one child was born to them, Harold Fremont, who makes his home with his grandmother, Arminda Goodwine. By the visitation of death the household was deprived of the wife and mother in 1904 and four years later, in 1908, Mr. Goodwine was again married, the lady of his choice being Frances Amelia Price. One child has come to bless this union: Lee Ruth, who was born July 18, 1910.

Since reaching his majority Mr. Goodwine has been a supporter of the republican party, voting for those men and measures that he considers most important in subserving the interests of the country. He and his wife are consistent members of the Christian church and are active supporters of all good

works in which the church or the community is interested. While Mr. Goodwine is just fairly stated in his career as a leading business man in his part of the county, his friends have confident expectations that he will exert a great influence for the upbuilding of this region. As a citizen he is justly held in high esteem and as a representative of an honored family no record of the county would be complete without his name.

JAMES HART.

A period of thirty-eight years spent in Jamaica township, Vermilion county, has made James Hart well known to the residents of this district, among whom he is recognized as one of the most progressive and prosperous farmers and representative citizens of the community. Born on the farm which is yet his home, on the 24th of June, 1872, he is a son of Michael and Rosa (Kelly) Hart, natives of Ireland, the former's birth occurring in County Belfast and the latter's in County Connaught. Extended mention of them is given in connection with the sketch of John E. Hart.

Upon the home farm James Hart was reared to manhood, no event of special importance coming to vary the routine of life for him during the period of his boyhood and youth. He attended the common schools near his home in the pursuit of an education, and later profited by a commercial course in the Danville Business College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1894. Thus well equipped for the practical and responsible duties that come with business life, he returned to the homestead and was there identified with his father and brother, John E. Hart, in cooperative farming, which relation was maintained until the death of the father in 1905. At that time he inherited eighty acres of the homestead, as did also his brother, and the remaining five hundred and eighty acres of the father's estate were divided equally between the sons at the death of the mother, who was to retain the use of it throughout her lifetime. Thus James Hart is operating two hundred and ninety acres of land in connection with his home farm of eighty acres, and his efforts are proving resultant forces in the acquirement of a prosperity which ranks him among the substantial and prosperous agriculturists of Jamaica township. The early practical experience received on the old home farm under the direction of his father, supplemented by thorough commercial training, served as an excellent foundation upon which he has subsequently builded a successful career, and with the passing of the years, prosperity has come to him as the direct and well merited reward of earnest labor and unfaltering diligence, so that he is now ranked among the substantial and successful agriculturists of his section of the county.

On the 6th of November, 1895, Mr. Hart was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Kelly, of Danville, a daughter of William Kelly, now deceased. Unto this union were born seven children; but two, Kelly E. and Rosalie, have now passed away. Those surviving are William J., Lola R., Everett, Teresa and Helen E. The parents hold membership in the Catholic church and the high

place which they occupy in the regard and esteem of all who know them, has its root in their many excellent traits of character.

Although one of the salient features in the success of Mr. Hart has been his close application to business, his personal affairs demanding almost his entire time and attention, he has, nevertheless, never been too busy for participation in those things which are matters of interest to all true American citizens. His standing in the local ranks of the democratic party is indicated by the fact that several times he has represented his township as central committeeman, and he is now serving in the capacity of a member of the school board, educational interests finding in him a stanch champion. In every instance he has served his community to the best of his ability, and his interest in the public welfare has never been questioned. The substantial qualities which he has manifested in both his business and public life have gained for him a prominent position among the representative citizens of Jamaica township, and yet his success in life is measured not less by the high place which he has won in the respect, confidence and good will of all who know him than by reason of the honorable and manly principles which have ever governed his private life.

MRS. ANN M. ROSS.

Mrs. Ann M. Ross, who lives upon a beautiful farm in Grant township and is highly esteemed throughout the entire region on account of her praiseworthy qualities, is a native of Grant county, Indiana, where she was born in 1856. She is a daughter of Thomas Tribbey, a native of Clarksville, Clinton county, Ohio, who came to Vermilion county after the close of the Civil war, about 1867, and here he engaged as a farmer and upon his retirement removed to the village of Hoopeston, where he departed this life in 1901. Mr. Tribbey was a man of upright character and a sincere believer in the Christian religion, being identified for many years with the Methodist Episcopal church. The mother of our subject was before her marriage Priscilla Ann Ward and was born in North Carolina. Eight children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tribbey, seven of whom are now living: Elizabeth; Ann M.; Belle; George; Mary; Sadie, now Mrs. James Wallace; and William.

The subject of this review was educated in the district schools and grew up under the sheltering care of a kindly home. In 1887, she was united in marriage to Nelson Ellsworth Ross, who was born in Ohio, August 31, 1842, and in 1860 came to Vermilion county, where he engaged in farming and by diligence and economy became the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and eighty-four acres, also being identified with several important business enterprises. Upon the organization of the Farmers Grain Company he was selected as its president, serving until the time of his death. He was a man of great public spirit and, while he did not possess aspirations to hold political office, he discharged with special ability the duties of several official positions in his township, being also president of the board of commissioners for many years. He was a man of fine social qualities, liberal in the support of all public or private

enterprises that aimed to advance the permanent interests of the region, and his departure from a useful career was regarded as a heavy loss not only to his family but to the entire community. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross, one of whom, John Thomas, is now living at Hoopeston.

Mrs. Ross is an active member of the United Brethren church, whose tenets she receives as expressive of the divine word. She has always aimed to be true to her church and to her responsibilities and the world is better for her presence. She is a woman of broad sympathies and generous spirit and has many warm friends in Vermilion county, where for more than forty years she has made her home.

ABEL W. PAYNE.

To Abel W. Payne, a farmer, and also for some years justice of the peace of Newell township, belongs the honor of having been the third man to enlist in the army from Vermilion county in response to President Lincoln's call for volunteers to put down the rebellion. Three times he enlisted during the war, and it is doubtful whether any soldier of the Union attempted more conscientiously to perform his duty.

He was born in Vermilion county in 1841 and is a son of J. and Verletta (O'Neal) Payne. The parents were both natives of Indiana and came to this state in 1832, settling on a farm in Vermilion county, where they continued until the death of the mother. The father went to Texas in 1849 and there remained for six years, at the end of which time he returned to Illinois and married as his second wife Priscilla Beasley, a native of Illinois. He took up his residence in Danville, where he met his death in a political riot in 1863. Mrs. Payne died shortly afterward, leaving two children: J. B., now in the insurance business at Potomac, this state; and Hattie, now Mrs. J. M. Barrows. The subject of this review was the sixth of seven children born to J. Payne by his first wife, the names of the others being: William O., Alonzo G. and Malinda, all deceased; Permelia, Addison C., deceased, and George, who died in infancy.

Until his mother's death Abel W. Payne continued with his parents. He had then arrived at the age of nine years, and from that time he has provided for himself. Up to the period of the Civil war he worked by the month among the farmers of the neighborhood. In 1861 he enlisted in Company C, Twelfth Illinois Volunteers, under Captain Samuel Frazier. At the close of the term of enlistment, which was for three months, Private Payne reenlisted in Company K, Thirty-seventh Illinois Volunteers, under Captain Charles Black, for a period of three years, but at the end of eight months was discharged on account of disability after participating in the battle of Pea Ridge. However, he quickly recovered and again enlisted, serving now in the Sixteenth Regiment of Illinois Cavalry under Captain Wolcott. At the battle of Jonesville, Virginia, he and a number of companions were taken prisoners by the Confederates and confined at Andersonville prison, Georgia. At the close of the war he re-

ceived his honorable discharge, and in view of the sufferings through which he passed and the injuries he received in defense of his country, he was some years ago awarded a pension of twenty-four dollars per month. Returning home in 1865, Mr. Payne began to work in the coal mines at Danville, where he continued for fifteen years. He then rented land, which he cultivated until 1890, when he bought a farm of twenty acres, which he has since operated. He also owns a valuable property in Bismarck.

On October 10, 1865, Mr. Payne was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Balser, a native of Indiana. One child, Thomas L., who is now living at Tilton, this county, was born to them. In 1890 Mr. Payne again married, the lady of his choice being Mrs. E. A. Payne, the widow of his brother and a native of Albany, New York. She has one daughter by her former husband, Hettie, now the wife of Nicholas Baty, of Bismarck.

Mr. Payne has been throughout life an active supporter of the republican party, and he is at the present time serving as justice of the peace in his district. He is a believer in the Christian religion, and is identified with that branch of Christianity which is represented by the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a self-made man and by perseverance and attention to duties from day to day he has attained the honorable position which he holds in his township, as a man who always does as he promises, who is true to his friends, and who is ever ready to do anything in his power to advance the permanent welfare of his neighborhood.

WILLIAM D. DARLEY.

William D. Darley, identified with farming interests in Vermilion county since 1876 and the owner of his present farm of one hundred and fifty-seven acres in Sidell township since 1894, was born in Jacksonville, Morgan county, Illinois, January 24, 1852, and comes of English ancestry. His parents, Dawson and Bessie (Smith) Darley, were both natives of Yorkshire, England, where their youthful days were spent and their marriage was celebrated. Soon afterward they decided to try their fortune in the United States and took up their abode in Morgan county, Illinois, where Mrs. Darley passed away when her son William was only a week old. The father afterward married Miss Sarah Dodsworth and made his home in Morgan county up to the time of his death, which occurred when he was sixty-five years of age.

William D. Darley spent his youthful days in his father's home. His educational privileges were very meager, being limited to two months' attendance at the common schools in the winter seasons. The necessity of providing for his own support forced him to start out in life at an early age, and after being employed as a farm hand for a considerable period, he began farming on his own account by renting land in Morgan county in 1875. The following year he came to Vermilion county and for twenty years cultivated rented land here. During that period he carefully saved his earnings until his economical expenditure and industry brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase

one hundred and fifty-seven acres of land in Sidell township. He became the owner of this property in 1894 and two years later took up his abode thereon and has since made it his home. His labors are greatly advancing the work of improvement here. He carries on diversified farming and is very successful in his work. He is also a stockholder in the Allerton Creamery.

On the 6th of October, 1874, Mr. Darley was united in marriage to Miss Mary Walters of Morgan county, Illinois, a daughter of William and Hannah (Cooper) Walters, both of whom were natives of Yorkshire, England. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Darley have been born four children: Edwin D., living at Allerton, this county; Albert L., at home; Ralph W., who follows farming in Edgar county, and Bessie, deceased.

In his political views Mr. Darley is a republican and as every American citizen should do, keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but has never sought office as a reward for party fealty. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and during the years of their residence in this county both Mr. and Mrs. Darley have gained the warm regard of many friends.

PHINEAS T. REMSTER.

Phineas T. Remster, of Hoopeston, Vermilion county, who owns a well improved farm of two hundred and forty acres, and is known as a competent business man who generally succeeds in what he undertakes, was born in Fountain county, Indiana, in November, 1862, a son of Phineas T. and Mary (Brown) Remster. The father was a native of New Jersey and removed to Indiana when a young man and enlisted in the Federal army at Covington, being enrolled in the Sixty-third Indiana Volunteer Regiment. Shortly after his enlistment he died leaving a widow who was the mother of one child, the subject of this review.

Phineas T. Remster, at the age of one year was received into the household of his aunt on his mother's side, Mrs. Sarah Brown, the wife of Elias Brown, continuing with them until he was twenty-eight years of age. He was educated in the public schools, and as he grew up became familiar with farming operations, beginning for himself on a farm at twenty-eight years of age. He located on section 23, Grant township, in 1891, and for nineteen years vigorously conducted operations and attained the success that usually attends effort when it is rightly directed. His farm is one of the valuable properties of the neighborhood, and he also owns two hundred acres of land in Prairie county, Arkansas, which gives promise of a handsome advance in value as time passes.

On January 15, 1891, Mr. Remster was united in marriage to Miss Sarah S. Rusk, a daughter of Josiah Rusk, a native of this state. She proved a faithful and loving companion and presided over one of the happy households in the county, but the unwelcome visitor, death, called her from the family circle May 12, 1910, leaving three children: Robert, Pearl and Ora.

A few months later Mr. Remster rented his farm and took up his residence at Hoopeston, where he now lives. At the present time he is acting as presi-

dent of the Farmers' Grain Company of Hoopeston, the president having recently died. This company was organized in 1908 by the farmers of this region and has a capital stock of ten thousand dollars, the following officers being chosen at the time of its organization: N. E. Ross, president; P. T. Remster, vice president; and O. M. Ross, secretary.

Mr. Remster, ever since arriving at voting age, has been an adherent of the republican party and takes the interest of a patriotic citizen in the election of men whom he considers most competent to administer the laws. That he has the confidence of the farming community is evidenced in the office he holds in the Farmers' Grain Company, and during many years of active operations on the farm his dealings were always characterized by integrity and fairness which were an index of his character. All the property that he has was acquired by his industry and good management, and it is hardly necessary to add that he is one of the most highly esteemed citizens in this part of Vermilion county.

J. H. ELLIOTT.

J. H. Elliott, successfully engaged in the lumber business at Oakwood, is a young man of enterprise and good ability, who by his well directed efforts is steadily working his way upward. His birth occurred in Vermilion county, June 2, 1876, his parents being Richard and Jane E. (Jackson) Elliott, who were natives of Indiana and Kentucky, respectively. On coming from Illinois in 1863 they settled on a farm in Vermilion county and the father continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits until 1898, when he retired, and now the farm is being operated by his sons, while the father makes his home in Jamaica. At the present time he is the owner of two hundred and twelve acres of finely improved land and derives therefrom a substantial income. His family numbered seven children: William H., who is married and lives in this county; Grant H., who is married and makes his home in Vermilion county; Nancy A., the wife of O. P. Sullivan, of Urbana, Illinois; Emma, the wife of Archibald Corington, of this county; J. H.; Josephus, who died in August, 1888; and Charles C., who is married and lives in Vermilion county.

J. H. Elliott was reared upon the home farm, remaining there with his parents until twenty-three years of age. In the meantime he completed his education in the Northern Indiana Normal School and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1895. The following year he completed the surveyor's course and he took special work in pedagogy at the University of Illinois under Dr. Arnold Tompkins, in 1899. He has done excellent work as an educator, teaching in the country schools for six years and for five years in the city schools, acting as principal of the Oakwood school for four years. He studied each pupil from the standpoint of the individual and adapted his method of instruction to the particular need so that his work was entirely satisfactory. After retiring from the teacher's profession he became a bookkeeper for the Trent Brothers Lumber Company of Oakwood, and still has charge of the books. In the meantime he has been admitted to a partnership and is now in

full control of the business which under his careful direction is constantly growing, returning to the owners a gratifying annual income.

On the 22d of March, 1900, Mr. Elliott was married to Miss Verna Villars, a native of Vermilion county, and a daughter of George H. and Martha (Brewer) Villars, who were also natives of this county, their parents having been pioneer settlers of Illinois. Mrs. Elliott is one of five children, the others being: Victor V., who is married and lives in Champaign county; May, the wife of Edgar Darr, of Vermilion county; Clara, the wife of Alfred Waters, of Vermilion county; and Charlotte, at home. Of these, May, Victor and Mrs. Elliott have all been successful school teachers. The only child born unto Mr. and Mrs. Elliott died at the age of four months. In his fraternal relations Mr. Elliott is a Mason, belonging to Oakwood Lodge, No. 872, F. & A. M., and is also connected with Damascus Lodge, K. P., of Danville, and the Modern Woodmen camp at Oakwood. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian church and their many good qualities have gained them a large circle of warm friends.

Mr. Elliott is yet a young man, but has made steady progress in business and closely following such maxims as "honesty is the best policy" and "there is no excellence without labor," he has made steady progress and is now numbered among the leading as well as prosperous merchants of Oakwood.

VAN C. DAVIS.

Van C. Davis, a well known farmer and stockman of Catlin township, is the owner of one hundred and fifty-six acres of rich and arable land, and has met with excellent success in its cultivation. His birth occurred on the farm where he now resides, his natal day being November 7, 1861. His parents, Cessie and Milving E. (Hyatt) Davis, were natives of Illinois and Kentucky, respectively. Both the paternal and maternal grandparents of our subject were pioneer settlers of this state, the father's parents coming here in 1826 and the mother's parents in 1834. Cessie Davis wedded Miss Milving E. Hyatt in 1859 and established his home on a farm which he had purchased, devoting his attention to its cultivation and improvement throughout the remainder of his life. He prospered in his undertakings and at the time of his death, which occurred on the 4th of May, 1890, he owned four hundred and thirty-five acres of valuable land. His widow still survives and now resides in Catlin at the age of seventy-seven years. Unto this worthy couple were born four children, all of whom are yet living.

Van C. Davis remained under the parental roof until he was married at the age of thirty-two years and then established a home of his own. Throughout his entire business career he has given his time and energies to the operation of the farm on which he now resides, and at present owns one hundred and fifty-six acres of land in Catlin township. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he makes a specialty of the raising of

stock and both branches of his business return to him a gratifying annual income.

On the 1st of June, 1893, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Maggie May Tanner, who was born in Danville on the 20th of November, 1876. Her parents, Vanmeter and Mary E. Tanner, are natives of Illinois and still reside in Catlin. Their children are five in number. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been born four children, as follows: Laurel J., whose natal day was July 19, 1895; Minnie E., whose birth occurred May 13, 1899; Forest V., born December 23, 1902; and Clarence, who died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Davis is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. The honors and emoluments of office have never had any attraction for him, but he is a stanch friend of the cause of education and has been a member of the school board for twenty-eight years. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Lodge No. 285 at Catlin. He is likewise a devoted and faithful member of the United Brethren church. Mr. and Mrs. Davis enjoy a wide and favorable acquaintance in the county where they have always resided and the hospitality of the best homes is cordially extended to them.

ALVA C. LEONARD.

Alva C. Leonard, publishing the Potomac Record, is the youngest newspaper editor of Vermilion county and undoubtedly one of the youngest in the state. A spirit of progress actuates him in his connection with journalism and enterprising methods are manifest in his conduct of the paper. He was born January 4, 1889, on a farm about three and a half miles north and three-fourths of a mile east of Potomac. This was the home of his parents, Berry Franklin and Emma Jane (Swisher) Leonard, with whom he remained until after he had completed his education. He attended the district schools until about twelve years of age and afterward pursued his studies in the Potomac schools until 1907, when he entered the Brown Business College at Danville. During the vacation periods he worked with his father in the fields and after completing his business course in Danville he spent a short time in travel. Entering the field of business, he was employed for a brief period in the shops of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad at Danville, after which he returned to Potomac. The following summer he became bookkeeper and general yardman in connection with a lumber business, and on the 1st of March, 1910, he purchased the Potomac Record from E. A. and C. R. Barnes. He is sole owner of the paper and, although the youngest editor of the county, has instituted progressive methods which are already manifest in increased circulation and advertising patronage. Following the lead of the city newspapers, he has given away a number of prizes, among these being a fine piano. Such a gift is very unusual for a newspaper in a town the size of Potomac. Already the circulation list has been increased by two hundred names and the able manner in which the paper is edited insures it a continued patronage. He has a modern

plant and is publishing a paper that is thoroughly up-to-date in every particular. While the Record is published as an independent paper, it takes a firm stand against the liquor traffic and in favor of reform and advancement along all those lines relating to the welfare of the individual and the community.

On the 4th of May, 1910, Mr. Leonard was married to Miss Charlotte Alma French, who was born February 1, 1891, a daughter of Henry S. and Sarah (Endicott) French, who were among the early settlers of this county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Leonard are members of the Church of Christ and are active in its work. Mr. Leonard is serving as one of the teachers of the Sunday school and also as choir leader and is very prominent in the musical circles of this section. He belongs to the Potomac Band, of which he was at one time leader, and is now manager. He is also a member of the Vermilion County Press Association. His wife is a member of the Eastern Star. In the social life of the town they are prominent and their home is a most hospitable one, whose good cheer is greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

ALBERT R. GOODWIN.

The commercial history of Hoopeston would be incomplete were there failure to make reference to the mercantile interests of Albert R. Goodwin, who is one of the proprietors of the only exclusive men's furnishing goods establishment in the city, being the junior partner of the firm of Decker & Goodwin, proprietors of the Young Men's Clothing Store, as the establishment is usually termed. He is a native of Norton Center, Norton county, Kansas, and a son of Albert R. and Lucinda (Wright) Goodwin, the former a farmer by occupation. The grandfather on the paternal side was a native of Pennsylvania and was a soldier of the Civil war. He served for three years and participated in many notable engagements, including the battles of Missionary Ridge, Pea Ridge, Lookout Mountain and Rocky Face Gap. In the maternal line Albert R. Goodwin is descended from an old Kentucky family. He began his education in the schools of Hoopeston and later attended the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, completing the commercial course there by graduation in 1896. He has been a resident of Hoopeston since 1890. Soon after leaving school, or early in the year 1898, he responded to the country's call for military aid and enlisted for active service in the Spanish-American war as a member of Company B, Third Missouri Volunteer Infantry. He was stationed at Chickamauga for several months and continued in the army until late in the fall of 1898.

Returning to Vermilion county, Mr. Goodwin was engaged in farming in Ross township, carrying on agricultural pursuits in his own interest for about three years. He then went to Chicago where he accepted a position with a complete outfitting company, remaining with that firm for about six months. He was afterward with the United States Express Company in Chicago for about four years, and in 1907 he returned to Hoopeston, where he joined Joseph H. Decker in organizing the firm of Decker & Goodwin, dealers in men's fur-

nishing goods. Their increasing trade forced them to seek more commodious quarters and they are now located at No. 210 East Main street, where they have a well appointed store, carrying a large and carefully selected line of men's furnishing goods. Their patronage is well merited, for they follow modern and progressive business methods that are bringing them substantial returns.

Mr. Goodwin is still interested in military affairs and is now a corporal of his company in the Illinois National Guard. In politics he is a republican and belongs to the Christian church. His manly qualities, his earnest purpose and his honorable conduct have given him a position in public regard that is most enviable, and his enterprise in business is also winning him satisfactory advancement in commercial circles.

GEORGE W. CUNNINGHAM.

George W. Cunningham, who was a volunteer soldier of the Civil war and was for many years actively identified with the farming interests of Vermilion county but is now living retired, was born in Newell township, May 18, 1838, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cunningham, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. They were married in that state and came to Illinois in 1829. The father entered land in Newell township and there he and his wife lived in a log house, according to the primitive style of the early days. Mr. Cunningham redeemed his land from the wilderness. His wife was called from earthly cares in 1844. She was the mother of six children, three of whom are now living: George W., the subject of this review; Sarah, now Mrs. Philo Knapp, of Vermilion county; and Emily, the wife of Michael Furay, also of Vermilion county. A few years after the death of his first wife, Mr. Cunningham married a Miss French, a native of Illinois, who became the mother of three children, all of whom are living: Humphrey, Thomas and Samantha, now Mrs. T. J. Allison, all of whom are residents of Vermilion county. After a long and useful career Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham were both called to their final rest in 1908.

George W. Cunningham grew up upon the home farm, attended the district school in winter and assisted his father at the other seasons of the year. Just as he had fairly begun farming on his own account, the Civil war threw a shadow over the land, and with tens of thousands of patriotic young men he offered himself as a volunteer for the cause of the Union. He served in Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry, under Captain Steward, for two years, four months and ten days, and many times was he found upon the firing line. He participated in many engagements, among them the battles of Perryville, Missionary Ridge, Tunnel Hill and Snake Gap, and at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, one of the fiercest engagements of the war, he was desperately wounded, his right arm being shot off above the elbow. After a partial recovery from his wound, he was honorably discharged from service December 10, 1864. Returning to his home, he again took up farming,

continuing in business until 1887, when he retired to Danville, Illinois, but has made his home at Bismarck since 1894. He is the owner of a farm of one hundred and eighty-three acres, which under his care was finely improved and is now one of the productive farms of Newell township.

On November 17, 1859, Mr. Cunningham was united in marriage to Miss Hallie A. Taylor, who was born in Illinois, February 8, 1837, her parents being among the early settlers of this state. Mrs. Cunningham departed this life January 5, 1874, leaving the following children: George H., a resident of Newell township, who was born April 5, 1861; John W., who was born February 10, 1863, and is now deceased; Etta A., born August 9, 1865, who married C. Biteler, of Iowa, and died in 1910; Monroe S., a resident of Iowa, born in 1868; and Emarilla M., now Mrs. Thomas Tape, of Iowa, born March 24, 1870. Mr. Cunningham was again married July 30, 1874, to Mrs. Mary Leshner, who was called away in October, 1891. There were no children by that union. On July 27, 1892, Mr. Cunningham was united in marriage to a Miss Bates, who was born in Vermont, February 19, 1848, and was one of two children, having a brother, Myron Bates, still living in Vermont.

Since arriving at his majority Mr. Cunningham has been identified with the republican party, although he has not permitted party lines to interfere in local elections with the selection of a worthy candidate. He has been honored by his fellow citizens in being elected to several public offices, among them that of tax collector, which he held for nine years, commissioner of highways for three years and also served as a member of the school board. He holds membership in the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Danville and in religious views is in sympathy with the doctrines of the Christian church, being a contributor to that denomination. Mr. Cunningham was a true soldier and his honorable discharge entitles him to the confidence and respect of every lover of liberty. As a citizen he has always been conscientious in the discharge of his duties and is recognized by those who long have known him as a man whose example is worthy of imitation by the generation which is now arriving upon the scene and upon whose shoulders the responsibilities of the state and nation will soon be placed.

EDWIN T. JONES.

Edwin T. Jones, an enterprising and up-to-date agriculturist of Catlin township, was born on the farm where he now resides, his natal day being December 13, 1871. His parents, Thomas J. and Alice (Williams) Jones, were both natives of Wales. The latter, who was but seven years of age when brought to the United States by her parents in 1850, lost her mother the same year and twelve months later was left an orphan by the death of her father. Thomas J. Jones emigrated to the United States in 1854 and in the year 1869 wedded Miss Alice Williams, the ceremony taking place in Summit county, Ohio. In 1870 he took up his permanent abode in Vermilion county, Illinois, and began working as a coal miner. Subsequently he bought forty acres of land in Catlin

township and later extended the boundaries of the farm by an additional purchase of twenty acres, making his home thereon until called to his final rest on the 27th of January, 1903. He won a gratifying measure of success in the conduct of his agricultural interests and was widely recognized as a substantial and respected citizen of the community. His remains were interred in the Oak Ridge cemetery. His widow, who still survives, belongs to the Congregational church and is well known and highly esteemed in the locality where she makes her home. Her children are three in number, namely: Margaret J., the widow of James Ramsey, of Tilton, Illinois; Edwin T., of this review; and Ruth, the wife of George Holcomb, of Catlin.

In his youthful years Edwin T. Jones attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. He has always remained on the farm where he was born and reared and the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist early became familiar to him through the assistance which he rendered his father in the work of the fields. He now manages and operates the old homestead farm for his widowed mother and annually gathers rich crops which find a ready sale on the market. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but he has never sought nor desired office. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Lodge No. 538 at Catlin. His life is upright and honorable, his many good qualities winning for him the high regard of all who know him.

SANFORD B. BRATTON.

Sanford B. Bratton has for the past six years served as chief of the Danville fire department and as a public official has made for himself an honorable record. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 29, 1859, and is a son of Sanford and Amanda (Ballard) Bratton, both of whom were of Scotch-Irish descent. The father was also a native of the Buckeye state, but the birth of the mother occurred in Kentucky. It was in 1865 that the former brought his family from Cincinnati to Danville and here he was engaged in the retail grocery business for some time. For twenty years he was also a member of the police force of this city, serving under its first mayor, Dr. Winslow.

Sanford B. Bratton was a lad of six years when brought by his parents to Danville and he is indebted to the public schools of this city for the early educational advantages he enjoyed. Later he attended the high school at Indianapolis, Indiana, and on the completion of his education served an apprenticeship to the plumber's trade, which he followed for a period of eighteen years. During twelve years of this time, however, he was engaged in the plumbing business on his own account and when he sold out at the end of that time turned his attention to contracting, in the line of laying water and gas mains in Danville and other towns. During his long residence in this city he has become actively and prominently identified with public affairs and for ten years served as a member of the city council, during which time he gave his support to all worthy measures which he believed calculated to advance the general interests.

In 1904 he was appointed chief of the Danville fire department under Mayor John Beard and has since been reappointed under each succeeding administration. His retention in this position plainly indicates his efficiency and the prompt and able manner in which he has discharged his duties. A democrat in politics, he has been very active in promoting the interests of that party and his aid can always be counted upon to further any movement which he believes calculated to promote the public welfare.

Mr. Bratton was married in Covington, Indiana, to Miss Emma Geiger, a native of that city and a daughter of Nicholas Geiger, one of the old and honored citizens of Covington. Her parents are both deceased and the only child born to our subject and his wife, a son, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Bratton are earnest members of the Presbyterian church and are held in the highest respect and esteem by all who know them.

WALTER D. ROGERS.

The enterprising little town of Oakwood numbers Walter D. Rogers among its merchants, and closely applying himself to his business, his diligence and perseverance are bringing him a substantial and desirable measure of success. He was born in Oakwood township, March 16, 1876, and is a son of Robert M. and Jennie (Knox) Rogers, the former a native of New York and the latter of Vermilion county, Illinois. The father came to this state in 1858 and was married in 1860. When the Civil war broke out he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry, with which he served throughout the period of hostilities. He participated in various hotly contested battles yet was honorably discharged without sustaining a wound. Following the close of the war he turned his attention to general farming, in which he was actively engaged until 1885, when he was appointed postmaster of Glenburn, Illinois, filling the position for sixteen years. He then retired to private life, occupying the old homestead until his death, which occurred on the 12th of October, 1905. His wife had passed away in 1893. Their family numbered nine children, namely: Annie, Fanny, Minnie, Arthur, James, Maggie, Myrtle, Walter D. and Martha, the latter dying in infancy.

The youthful days of Walter D. Rogers were spent under the parental roof, where he remained until eighteen years of age, when he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for eight years. He then became editor of the Oakwood News, which he published for three years, and at the end of that time took up merchandising in Oakwood. He has since conducted his store.

On the 1st of January, 1903, Mr. Rogers was married to Miss Nettie M. Harrison, a native of Illinois, and a daughter of James H., and Mary A. (Doggett) Harrison, who were also born in this state. Her father engaged in farming for a number of years and then took up the work of operating a steam shovel, making his home in Oakwood. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Harrison

were born four children: Nettie M., Mabel, Homer and Goldie. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rogers has been born one child, Pauline Virginia, whose birth occurred August 23, 1908.

Mr. Rogers belongs to Oakwood Lodge, No. 564, I. O. O. F., and to Oakwood Camp, No. 1727, M. W. A. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Christian church.

WILLY FOWLER.

Willy Fowler, a retired farmer and for many years the largest stock-raiser in Vermilion county, is now eight-three years old and resides with his daughter, Mrs. D. M. McCray on Hazel street, Danville. Though not in the best of health, he is still quite active and tells interestingly of his life in this county.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Fowler was born at Big Island, Marion county, August 9, 1827, a son of Willy and Cynthia (Perkins) Fowler. His father was an Englishman by birth and came to this country in 1818 but his mother was a native of Ohio. In that state our subject was reared and educated and there married Miss Diana Frederick, by whom he had three children. Alice, the eldest, is now deceased. She married Frank Campbell and had two children: Grace, deceased; and Mabel, who is now the wife of J. N. Learnard and has two children, Helen and Ralph. Robert Ellis Fowler married Ellen Dillon and to them were born five children: Albert Ellis, who is married and has two children, Esther and Helen; Nora, who is the wife of J. P. Learnard and has one son, Robert; Robert Lambert, who is married and has a daughter, Georgiana; Pearl, deceased; and Willy. Olive, the youngest of the three children, married D. M. McCray and to them were born five children: Grace and Gertrude, deceased; Willy Fowler, who is married and has two children, Ardith and Kermit; George M., who is married and has three children, Marian and Herman and Harold, twins; and Verla, the wife of R. G. Van Doren.

Mr. Fowler came from Marion county, Ohio, to reside in Illinois in 1864, accompanied by his three motherless children and his widowed mother. On a previous trip to this county he rented the Pilot Grove farm of three thousand six hundred and eighty-six acres in Pilot township from William I. Moore, a pioneer of Danville. He brought his family by rail to Paris, to which place his cattle and household goods had been shipped, and after a memorable drive of three days through the swamps of eastern Illinois they reached their destination. He had his herd of four thousand sheep driven overland from Ohio and immediately began the raising of stock extensively, to which this country was so well adapted owing to the vast acres of prairie land over which the stock grazed.

In 1865 Mr. Fowler returned to Ohio and married Mary Dillon, a girl of unusual business ability and great energy, who made a beautiful mother and noble helpmate in that strenuous early life. The children born of this union were as follows: Willy Sherman, deceased; Ulysses Grant, who is married and has two children, Wiley Marion and Leland Stanford; Edward Dillon, de-



Willy Fowler

ceased; David Morton, who is married and has four children, Esther, Mary, David and Lillian; Mary Ellen, who married Dr. E. B. Coolley and has two children, Elmer Burt and Marion Fowler; Marion, deceased; and Myrtle Elma, also deceased.

In 1868 Mr. Fowler bought the Pilot Grove farm for fifty-one thousand dollars, giving in payment ten thousand dollars in cash and forty-one thousand-dollar notes. Improvements were begun at once but it required years to fence this farm with the facilities then at hand. Stock was herded through the day and corralled at night; scarecrows were built to frighten the wolves, which played havoc at times with the sheep, often slaying large numbers in the most unique manner. They would set their sharp fangs into the jugular vein and suck the blood, leaving their victims dead with not even a stain on the wool. Wolf and fox chases were often indulged in when the snow was on the ground and always resulted in the capture and death of some of these pests. These were thrilling occasions for man and beast, in which participated all the men for many miles around, mounted on their fastest steeds. It would seem that with so many miles between the homes there would be no social life, but distances meant little to these determined pioneers and large parties were sometimes given and were greatly enjoyed by all. With these, the husking bees and quiltings, the singing and spelling schools, very little dullness was experienced and Mr. Fowler's home was often the scene of these pleasant occasions as well as the stopping place of all travelers through that country. There was an unbroken Indian trail from Pilot Grove to Rantoul, a distance of twenty-five miles, which the early settlers used; and Mr. Fowler says that there was not a bush or tree in that distance big enough to furnish a riding whip when he first settled there. There were no schools or churches in the vicinity and a private school was held in his home, which was attended by a neighbor's children and his own, but these conditions soon vanished as the population increased. Many discouraging elements entered into Mr. Fowler's business career. The failure of a partner in Ohio caused great financial losses. Diseases among sheep led to his abandoning for a time that heretofore very profitable business and devoting himself to cattle (which were never such money-makers as sheep) and to the tilling of the soil, which to do successfully meant the laying of many thousands of tile. Notwithstanding these obstacles, which at times seemed almost insurmountable, he continued successfully in the farming and stock-raising business until 1891, when he retired, leaving one of the most beautiful country homes in eastern Illinois. He went with his family to New Mexico but remained only through the winter. On returning to Vermilion county he bought the Amos farm four miles west of Danville and lived thereon for two years. On the expiration of that period he moved into Danville and became associated with the Palmer National Bank at its organization. He spent several years in Salt Lake City for the benefit of Mrs. Fowler's health, returning here in 1903. In 1905 Mrs. Fowler died and he has since resided with his daughter.

His successful business career is simply an example of what a young, able-bodied, energetic man can accomplish unassisted. He possessed good judg-

ment, keen perception and a determined will and these, coupled with continuous effort, carried him to success. His experience with stock began when a mere boy and, barefooted, he drove cattle to market over the Alleghany mountains for eight dollars per month. His experience on these trips was his principle boyhood schooling. In his calculations he was a genius. He could determine the value of a large herd to a cent in less time than the modern mathematician with pencil and paper. He has always been a great reader, with a wonderful memory. He has traveled extensively and possesses a storehouse of knowledge of our own country. This, combined with his jovial disposition and optimistic nature, makes him an interesting man today.

RILEY CASS.

Among the men who have come to be regarded as representative citizens and leading merchants of Danville Riley Cass was numbered, and his many admirable qualities entitled him to the high regard in which he was uniformly held. He was born December 1, 1847, in Oakwood township, near Conkeytown, Vermilion county, and his life record covered the intervening years to the 5th of April, 1909. His grandfather, Richard Cass, came to Illinois in 1836 and died in 1843. His wife and one son, Richard Carmen Cass, passed away in 1838. Richard Cass, the grandfather, was the first man buried in the Dolbey graveyard south of Muncie. The old log cabin in which the grandfather, grandmother and their son Richard C. died is still standing on the farm occupied by their grandson, James Cass. It was built by a man of the name of Stephen Crane, from whom Richard Cass purchased the place in 1836. James Cass still has the abstracts of the land. His father, James Cass, Sr., was at one time the owner of the land where Conkeytown was built but sold the property to Dr. William and Otis M. Conkey in 1854, in which year the village of Conkeytown was established. James Cass also has the abstracts of this sale. The town flourished for a few years but when the Big Four Railroad was built and it was left off the line its business enterprises removed to Fithian and Muncie and there is now left only a few dwelling houses. James Cass, the father of our subject, was born in Warren county, Ohio, in 1803, and died on the 10th of September, 1855. He came to Illinois in 1832 and was employed in the lead mines at Galena at the time of the outbreak of the Black Hawk war. Finding it undesirable to live in a country where the Indians were so numerous, he returned to Ohio but again came to this state in 1835, and was thereafter identified with general agricultural pursuits until his death. His political support was given to the whig party, his death occurring the year before the republican party placed its first presidential ticket in the field. In early manhood he married Ann Wilkerson, who was born in Warren county, Ohio, in 1813, and died June 20, 1884, having for almost three decades survived her husband.

They were the parents of eight children. John W., the eldest, born in 1832, devoted his life to farming and in his religious faith was a Presbyterian.

Mary E., born in 1834, died unmarried. Marion, born in 1838, enlisted for service in the Civil war but on examination failed to pass muster on account of heart trouble. Sarah, born in 1840, died when a year old. Henry, born in 1842, died when seven years of age. James, born in 1844, occupies the old homestead and to him we are largely indebted for the history of the family. After the outbreak of the Civil war he became a member of Company C, of the One Hundred and Thirty-third Illinois Infantry, and later served in Company K. While with that regiment he carried a gun. He had previously served, however, as a drummer of the Seventy-first regiment and in the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth regiment. Reared to the occupation of farming, he has made it his life work, continuously carrying on general agricultural pursuits until he accepted the office of justice of the peace in Fithian, acting in that capacity from May 4, 1885, until May 1, 1901. With a most creditable official record he then retired and resumed farming. He belonged to the Union League, which was organized in 1861 and existed throughout the period of the war. In his religious faith he is a Universalist. Riley Cass, whose name introduces this review, was the next of the family. Albert Cass, the youngest, born in 1849, like all of his brothers, was reared to farm life and afterward began working in the shops of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad at Danville, where he remained for twelve years, or until his death, which occurred on the 11th of March, 1910. He was a member of the Methodist church. Of this family, Marion Cass, his mother and his sister Mary were all members of the Baptist church. The home farm of the family was on the state road between Danville and Champaign, and the Cass schoolhouse was built upon this land. The father entered from the government and improved most of his land. He became the owner of three hundred and forty-seven acres which he carefully cultivated and upon which his widow reared the family, making her home there until she, too, passed away. The sons, James and Marion, are still owners of a part of the home farm. All of the children were provided with good educational privileges, pursuing their studies in the Cass school.

Riley Cass, whose name introduces this record, was reared on the old homestead early becoming familiar with the duties and labor that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He worked in the fields through the summer months and in the winter seasons attended school. After attaining his majority he carried on farming on his own account until about 1884, when he established the first lumber yard in Fithian. Later he sold that business and opened a grocery store in Danville, where he remained for some time. Later he removed to Ridge Farm, where he conducted a lumber yard for several years, and on the expiration of that period sold out and returned to Danville, where he again engaged in the lumber business until about two years prior to his death. He was very successful in that line and took great interest in handling all kinds of lumber. He was very methodical and accurate in all of his business transactions and in the conduct of his interests knew exactly what was his standing and planned everything so as to attain creditable and honorable success. He made an excellent record as a business man, enjoying the respect and confidence of all who knew him.

In 1872 Riley Cass was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca A. Matticks, a daughter of Jesse Matticks, who came to Vermilion county at an early day and was very prominent here. Her mother died May 3, 1910. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cass were born five children: Nellie Wilkerson, born January 16, 1873, was married June 16, 1892, to Fred Draper and died June 21, 1893. Pharaba Clodell, born October 17, 1877, was married December 14, 1902, to Ralph Cowan and they reside in Chicago. Edward William, born March 19, 1880, was married October 7, 1903, to Mary E. Woody and lives in Danville. His wife died December 3, 1909, leaving one child, Catherine, born February 5, 1907. Lucie Vennette, born October 4, 1887, died September 17, 1889. Irena Buchanan, born September 10, 1891, died August 13, 1893.

All of the brothers of the Cass family became republicans in politics and Riley Cass continued to give to the party his stalwart support until called to his final rest. The elder brothers supported the party when Lincoln was the presidential candidate, and in the campaign of 1860 James Cass marched with the Wide-awakes, there being a company of sixty members at Conkeytown. Riley Cass belonged to the Modern Woodmen camp and also held membership in the First Presbyterian church. His many good qualities gained him the high regard and confidence of all who knew him and he was greatly esteemed as a merchant and as a citizen. His cooperation could always be counted upon to further movements for the public good and as the years passed on he won high regard from all with whom he came in contact.

MRS. MARY HARTWELL CATHERWOOD.

Mrs. Mary Hartwell Catherwood, in whose life the soul of genius has shown conspicuously forth and yet who regarded no routine daily duty as too unimportant to claim her attention, left to the world a memory that is to many an inspiration. To those who knew her, her life was an expression of grateful remembrance for early kindnesses of high appreciation for all that is beautiful and ennobling in nature, in art and in literature, and of all that is ideal in the relations of home.

It was in the little village of Luray, Licking county, Ohio, that Mary Hartwell was born, December 16, 1847, a daughter of Dr. Marcus and Pheba Hartwell. Her father was of Scotch-Irish lineage and in his youthful days accompanied his parents to Licking county, Ohio, where he was reared upon his father's farm, but professional life proved more attractive to him than the work of the fields and in early manhood he took up the study of medicine under Dr. Thrall, of Kirkersville, Ohio. Later he entered Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, and was graduated with the class of 1846. A brief time before his graduation he married Pheba, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Thompson, of Hebron, Ohio, and for ten years after the completion of his college course practiced in Luray, during which period two daughters, Mary and Roxana, were born to them. In 1856 a removal was made to Milford, Illinois, where he was rapidly building up a substantial practice when he be-

came ill from the results of exposure in riding over the bleak prairies, and pneumonia terminated his life in 1857. Shortly afterward the only son of the family was born and was called Marcus for his father. The recent bereavement of the mother, however, so undermined her health that she passed away soon afterward and the three little children were thus orphaned. They were taken to the home of their maternal grandfather, Mr. Jesse Thompson, at Herbron, Ohio, and there Mary Hartwell entered the public schools, which were inadequate, however, to meet her desire for intellectual advancement.

Even in her school-girl days she gave evidence of the literary and poetic spirit that marked her future life and brought to her national fame as a novelist. In reply to the question: "How old were you when you first felt the impulse to write?" she one time replied: "I think it must have been when I was in my cradle." When still in school she was constantly writing verses which showed considerable merit for one of her years. She was always a precocious child intellectually and when but thirteen years of age obtained a teacher's certificate, although her youthful appearance prevented her from securing a school until the following year, when she was fortunate in securing an appointment as teacher in a school in Jersey township, Licking county. It was there she earned the first money she could call her own. Her nature was keenly susceptible to all the influences of her life, responding readily to the joys and pleasures as well as to the hardships and sorrows which were a portion of her youth. It was also characteristic of her that she never forgot a kindness, nor in the days when fortune smiled upon her did she forget in the slightest degree those who were friends of her youth.

It was the custom in the days when she taught her first school for the teachers to "board 'round." As Judge Green, one of the school directors, was riding home one evening, he overtook Mary Hartwell, who was walking slowly along the frozen roadway in an apparently self-absorbed and dejected mood. As the Judge approached he greeted her and inquired where she was going. She replied: "That's a query I have been trying myself to solve. I have just left the house of Mr.———, where I was to be entertained next, and my reception was not in the least agreeable. I was told that they could not take me and I must find some other place." "How did you feel then?" inquired Judge Green, and she answered: "I felt that I was dismissed and took my leave unceremoniously. Now I am puzzled about where next to apply." The Judge at once invited her to take a seat in his buggy, telling her that supper would be waiting at home and that she would be cordially welcomed there by his wife and daughter. Throughout her future life she had the utmost affection for Judge Green and his household, and the fatherless young girl was on one occasion greatly cheered by the remark of the Judge—when she was accompanying him and his family. In reply to the question if the children were all his, he said: "Yes, all mine." Mrs. Catherwood afterward told him how glad she was to hear him say that, from that time on called him father.

There were times of trial in her maidenhood, for she felt from early age that she must be dependent upon her own efforts and, moreover, she was denied by financial circumstances the privileges for intellectual advancement which she so much desired. However, the fruit of her work came to her at

times in later years. One such incident occurred after she had published her most successful novel, *Lazarre*. In the winter of 1863, when she had only reached her sixteenth year, she was teaching in a district school where there were several mischievous boys almost beyond control. The ring-leader, older than the teacher, insinuated by his conduct that he was too old and advanced in his studies to be instructed by her. He also whistled slightly during the school session and his conduct became infectious. General admonition had but temporary effect and one evening after school she requested the boy to stay and said: "Now, Con, I want to teach this school successfully, so that I can take a course in college and be prepared for the work I hope to do. I know you want to be a gentleman and not a rowdy. You can help me or you can spoil my dearest ambition by making me fail as a teacher. If I lose this school I may not be able to get another, and I do not believe you want to spoil my hopes by making my efforts here a failure." The appeal to the young man's reason and better nature was successful. He begged her pardon for former misconduct and from that time on not only caused no trouble himself but was an active factor in maintaining order in the school, and frequently assisted his teacher in mathematics, which she always acknowledged was her weak point. Years elapsed and in the summer of 1902, after Mrs. Catherwood had published *Lazarre*, she received a letter from a prominent business man in Findlay, Ohio, referring to the incident just related and saying that he was the mischievous boy who had caused her the trouble in school until she had appealed to his honor and manhood. He added also that he had watched her career, read her books as they were published and was proud of her accomplishments.

The impulse to express herself in writing made Miss Hartwell a contributor to the Newark (Ohio) American, and the editor thereof recognizing, as he expressed it, in "her local news items that which sparkled like the glint of a genuine diamond," published her contributions to the paper. He describes her at the time as of "youthful appearance, medium height, light brown hair, dark blue eyes, slenderly built, very plainly but neatly dressed, modest and retiring to diffidence." She continued her contributions to the paper and in 1863 its editor sent a poem entitled "*Pocahontas*," which she wrote, to a Philadelphia publisher, and in due time had the satisfaction of giving her two dollars and a half in payment thereof. This was the first money she had received for her literary efforts and brought her a joy that was perhaps not exceeded by the liberal checks that followed her writings when she became a valued contributor to the best magazines of the country. In the early years she confined her writings chiefly to poetry, but the Newark editor, recognizing her genius in other directions, "advised her to apply herself to prose, especially to 'story telling.'"

All through the days of her early teaching she never wavered from her purpose of one day pursuing a college course, saying: "It must be. I feel it as essential to mind as bread and meat to the body." In 1865 arrangements were made whereby she could pursue a course in the Granville (Ohio) Female College, and meet the expenses of the course after its completion when she should be self supporting. Her close application and naturally receptive mind enabled her to master the entire curriculum in three years. At the end of that

time she found herself indebted to the sum of eight hundred dollars. An uncle, however, told her that if she would pay off the sum by her labors in four years he would make her a present of five hundred dollars. She did it and her uncle also kept his part of the contract. Her college days were marked by another event that gave color to her whole life. In her earlier years, when the restrictions of poverty and lack of opportunities seemed to hamper her, she had at times lost her faith but in her college days she united with the Presbyterian church and her interest in the broader teachings of religion never faltered throughout her remaining years. After leaving the seminary she became a teacher in the public schools of Granville, Ohio, was also recognized as a social and literary leader in the little city and continued her own education by broad reading and study. One who knew her at that time said that her characteristics which impressed him most were "her wonderful memory, vivacity and charming manner as a conversationalist, commanding both attention and respect." From Granville she went to Danville, Illinois, to become a teacher in the schools there, and at the same time devoted her leisure hours to newspaper correspondence and other literary work. In 1873 she went to Galveston, Texas, to visit her sister, Roxana, who had gone there to live with their great-aunt, Mrs. Harrold. Her appreciation of beauty is noticed in a letter which she wrote back to her foster sister: ".....Have been down to the beach and gathered many beautiful shells. Nothing can describe these. I lie awake every night looking at long strips of it, glittering in the moonlight, until I fall asleep."

After returning north Miss Hartwell wrote many short articles, chiefly stories for children, and later, going to New York, became a writer for Leslie's and other popular publications, at which time she resided at Newburg-on-Hudson. She afterward removed to Cincinnati where she wrote for the Ladies Repository and Golden Hours. Her success with her children's stories and the advice of her friends caused her to turn her attention to literary productions for more advanced readers. She was making progress in this line when the financial panic that followed 1873 caused several of those who published her stories to fail and thus her employment was largely taken away from her. But it was about that time that the greatest happiness of her life came to her in her marriage. Miss Hartwell had previously visited her aunts, Mrs. Allen T. Catherwood and Mrs. Hattie De Volt, at Hoopeston, and there became acquainted with James Steele Catherwood, to whom she was married on the Perkins' farm near Hoopeston, on the 27th of December, 1877. They removed to Fairfield, Indiana, where Mr. Catherwood was engaged in business, but after a few months went to Indianapolis where better opportunities were presented for promoting her literary interests. She there became dramatic critic for the Review and at once was a prominent figure in the literary circles of the city. She found great joy in her acquaintance with men and women of the brightest mind, such acquaintance resulting in friendships that continued throughout her active life. While there she became acquainted with James Whitcomb Riley, from whom she said she gained much information and encouragement. During their Indianapolis residence Mrs. Catherwood wrote for Lippincott's Magazine and also for the Atlantic Monthly, and the acceptance of her articles by these high grade magazines greatly stimulated

her ambition. It was also while living there that she became acquainted with Benjamin S. Parker, who was then American consul at Sherbrook, Canada, and who invited her to pay a visit to his family. While enjoying the hospitality of his Canadian home she witnessed the celebration of St. John's day, July 17, 1884, and it was this unique and attractive event, in which there was a float representing Dollard and his sixteen men, that brought to her the idea of portraying this character in a story. She spent some months in Canada studying characters and scenes which subsequently found place on the pages of her interesting story, the Romance of Dollard.

In 1882 Mr. and Mrs. Catherwood removed from Indianapolis to Hoopes-ton, Illinois, which remained her home to the time of her death, although in her last years she also maintained a home in Chicago for the purpose of being near her daughter, who was in school. One of her biographers has said of her: "Mrs. Catherwood's vitalized sensibilities would sometimes see her characters imaged before her as in the mirror of her mind and often before describing them. Her husband once asked: 'Where did you get the character of Le Rosignol, the dwarf-girl,' in the Lady of Fort St. John?' She replied most earnestly: 'Why, I was sitting here and she came into the hall and walked right up to my side: she stood there on the register.'"

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Catherwood were born two children but the little son died in infancy. Then came a little daughter, Hazel, and between husband, wife and child there was an attachment seldom equalled in its strength. In 1891 Mrs. Catherwood went abroad with her little daughter for the purpose of collecting material for a new story, spending some months in travel in England, Scotland, France and Germany, and gaining much material which she afterward used. Her writings were notable for their historical accuracy. She was accorded national recognition when, in 1893, at the congress of authors held in Chicago during the World's Columbian Exposition, she was asked to prepare a paper which she presented to the congress under the title of The Technic of Fiction or Form and Condensation in Novel Writing. She greatly enjoyed meeting with the notable personages of the literary world. The circle of her friends was constantly widening and few writers held a higher place in literary circles and in public favor than did Mrs. Catherwood. She never forgot the friendships of her earlier years, however, and her greatest happiness came when with her husband and daughter she would travel to points which for beauty or historic association were particularly interesting to her. In 1894 she again went abroad, accompanied by her husband and daughter, having been commissioned by the Century Company to visit France and make a particular study of the life association of Joan of Arc for publication in the Century Magazine. In the preface to her articles she wrote: "This book is the outcome of many months of patient study and collection of material in America; the rejection of much of this in Paris; of journeys over the Maid's country, following her path from Domremy to Rouen, in voitures, in carts, and on foot; of careful study of the fifteenth century,—and, at the risk of creating a smile, I will confess it is the result of a Divine hint." While abroad she also wrote an article for the Atlantic Monthly on French Roads and Road-making, which was copied in part or at length by the press throughout the

country. While she studied closely all that might help in the faithful execution of her mission abroad she also greatly delighted in the humorous situations which always abound for the American in "foreign" travel. She did not speak German but expressed herself most fluently in French.

A desire to provide better educational facilities for her daughter, and also to be in closer touch with her publishers, led Mrs. Catherwood to establish a temporary home in Chicago in 1899. Her husband's business connections made it impossible for him to be in that city all the time, but he paid weekly or semi-weekly visits to his wife and was interested in her literary work as she was in the business activities with which he was connected. During the summer months the family always took their outing in some northern summer resort, usually Mackinac Island and vicinity. Mrs. Catherwood entered into the sports and games that provided mental and physical diversion with the greatest zest. Mrs. Catherwood at times appeared before literary societies in Chicago, Indianapolis and elsewhere where she would give readings, but she regarded literary production as her chief work and often had to refuse the social invitations proffered her. Her deeds of benevolence were many and yet they were of the most unostentatious character. During her residence in Hoopes-ton there was organized a literary society called the Mary Hartwell Catherwood Club, and during the second year of its existence she was elected its president and so served until her removal to Chicago.

She is perhaps best known to the world at large through her writings which include, beside the Romance of Dollard, The Story of Tonty, The White Islander, The Days of Jeanne D'Arc, Heroes of the Middle West, Dogberry Bunch, Old Caravan Days, Rocky Fork, Secrets of Roseladies, The Lady of Fort St. John, Old Kaskaskia, The Choice of St. Castine, The Spirit of an Illinois Town, Little Renault, Bonny and Ben, Mackinac and Lake Stories, Spanish Peggy, and last, but not least, Lazarre. Few works of modern times have been so enthusiastically received as Lazarre. The distinguished actor, Otis Skinner, recognizing its dramatic merit, prepared it for the stage and it was as successful before the footlights as it had been in novel form. The play was first produced by Mr. Skinner at Green Bay, Wisconsin, where the historical events were supposed to have taken place. On that occasion Mrs. Catherwood was present—one of a large and fashionable audience that also included many people whose names are well known in the literary world. The friendship between the actor and the author continued throughout her life. While she was preparing another work to be called Tippecanoe, for publication, death came to her.

Her old time Newark friend and editor, later her biographer, said: "She could not realize that her rheumatism would have a fatal termination so soon, and continued to devote her mental and physical energies to the work in hand. Living in the glow of her fertile genius and in the warm atmosphere of her happy family and social relations she was beaming in the happiness of present achievements and the glow of a hopeful future." She passed away at her Chicago home, December 26, 1902, the evening previous to the twenty-fifth anniversary of her marriage. After preliminary funeral services in St. Paul's Episcopal church in Kenwood, which she had attended, her remains were brought back to Hoopes-ton for interment. Among the beautiful funeral pieces sent were con-

tributions from James Whitcomb Riley, Otis Skinner and other literary friends. There also stood near the bier the banner of "The little Rose-Bud Class," a banner which she made with her own hands when she was teacher of the "Rose-Buds" in the Sunday school of the Universalist church at Hoopeston.

She had come to a point where her literary work won her recognition from the highest sources in America. James Whitcomb Riley wrote of her: "Mrs. Catherwood was a dear friend of mine. I first knew her in Indianapolis, and her death is a great shock to me. I had a high appreciation of her fine mental endowment. Her death, in my mind, is a distinct loss to the fraternity of letters." From H. H. Howland, of Indianapolis, came the following: "My feelings over my personal loss are such that I cannot give a carefully thought-out appreciation of Mrs. Catherwood's worth, and society's loss. I heard from her daughter, telling me of her mother's condition, and saw from her letter that the child did not realize the seriousness of her mother's illness. In spite of this, the news of her death is a shock to me. . . . She was a lover of nature, and saw all of its beauties with the eye of an artist. She would go into raptures over a sunset, and clap her hands in childish delight at the discovery of the first spring flowers. Mrs. Catherwood was a mother by instinct. It was a benediction to go into her home. Her love went out to every one, and every thing good. She was thoughtfulness, gentleness and self-sacrifice personified. She had her full share of trials but met them with a high courage and bore them with unending patience."

"Mrs. Catherwood's death was a great shock to me," wrote Hobart Chatfield-Taylor. "She occupied a unique place in American literature because of her inclination toward the historic features regarding the early settlement and exploration of the middle west and northwestern portion of America. Her books appealed to me with peculiar force and I think they have earned for themselves a prominent usefulness. I have known Mrs. Catherwood for some years and have a distinct personal sorrow in her sudden death." It is safe to say that the memory of no one in Hoopeston is cherished with greater tenderness, love and reverence than that of Mary Hartwell Catherwood.

ROBERT R. BOOKWALTER.

By the consensus of public opinion Robert R. Bookwalter is classed with the leading, although one of the younger, representatives of the Danville bar. He was born in this city April 8, 1885, a son of Hon. Ferdinand and Hannah M. Bookwalter. The father, born in 1846, was a native of Fountain county, Indiana. A lawyer by profession, he gained a position of distinction at the Danville bar and his record as circuit judge from 1891 until 1902 reflected credit upon the judicial history of the state. He continued an honored representative of the bench until his death, which occurred on the 13th of August, 1902. At the time of the Civil war he had enlisted in the Union army and served for one year as a member of Company H, Sixtieth Indiana Infantry, until honorably discharged following the cessation of hostilities.

Liberal educational advantages were afforded Robert R. Bookwalter, who attended the University of Michigan and the University of Illinois, pursuing courses in literature and the arts, and afterward in law to the time of his graduation from the Illinois State University with the class of 1909. He is now following in the footsteps of an honored father, the stimulus of whose example is manifest in the excellent work being done by the son who, locating for practice in Danville, has made steady progress and has already become well established among the younger representatives of the Vermilion county bar.

Mr. Bookwalter gives his political allegiance to the republican party and his membership relations are with the Kappa Sigma, a college fraternity, and the Phi Delta Phi, a legal fraternity, together with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is widely known in this city where his entire life has been spent.

HENRY L. BUSHNELL.

Henry L. Bushnell, engaged extensively in the grain and coal trade at Hoopeston, where he has made his home for a quarter of a century, is today one of the oldest grain merchants of eastern Illinois. He has built up a very satisfactory and substantial business which he is now conducting under the name of the Hoopeston Grain & Coal Company, of which he is the president. His success is such that his methods are of interest to the commercial world and careful analyzation of his life work indicates the fact that he has ever followed the rules which govern unfaltering industry and strict and unswerving integrity.

Illinois numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Peoria county, October 2, 1843. His father, Horace Bushnell, was born in Catskill, New York, July 16, 1816, and was of English and Welsh descent. The family was represented in the Revolutionary war and the grandfather of Henry L. Bushnell was a soldier in the war of 1812. Horace Bushnell spent the period of his youth and early manhood in the Empire state but in 1839 removed westward to Peoria county, Illinois, where he remained until 1850, when he went to Chicago. The following year, however, he returned to Peoria county, where he resided until 1865, when he took up his abode in the city of Peoria, where he made his home until 1892. He then came to Hoopeston, where his last days were passed, his death occurring July 16, 1899, when he had reached the venerable age of eighty-three years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Margaret H. Crouter, was born in New York city in May, 1817, and was of Holland Dutch descent. She died in 1897 at the home of her son, Alvin R. Bushnell, a resident of Monterey, Mexico. Horace Bushnell afterward made his home with his son Henry L. in Hoopeston. They were the parents of seven children, six sons and a daughter. Charles C., born in Peoria county, September 2, 1839, died August 27, 1890. Omer, born in Peoria county, October 30, 1841, is now living in Monterey, Mexico. Henry L. is the next of the family. Mary H., born March 11, 1845, in Peoria county, was married at Gilman, Illinois, September 27, 1873, to David B. Cook, and for many years

they were residents of Kansas and at the time of Mr. Cook's death were living in El Reno, Oklahoma, where he had been engaged in the banking business for ten years, from 1892 until 1902. Horace, born in Peoria county, Illinois, became a soldier of the Civil war and died the day following his muster out at Springfield, Illinois. William M., born in Peoria county, passed away at Monterey, Mexico. Alvin R., born in Peoria county, is engaged in business at Monterey.

Henry L. Bushnell pursued his education in the public schools of his native county, completing the high-school course in the city of Peoria with the class of 1858. He displayed special aptitude in his studies, being graduated when but fifteen years of age. He then went to work on his father's farm, where he remained until eighteen years of age, when he enlisted for service in the Civil war on the 3d of July, 1862. He was at the front throughout the remainder of hostilities, became second lieutenant of Company E, Seventy-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and on the 1st of July, 1863, when but nineteen years of age, was commissioned second lieutenant. He participated in all of the principal engagements of the war and for fourteen months was a prisoner of war at Tyler, Smith county, Texas. He twice escaped from prison but was recaptured on each occasion and held until the close of hostilities. He was also twice wounded and although but twenty-one years of age when mustered out, had had military experience that equalled that of many a veteran of twice his years. All of the hardships of war were familiar to him, together with the difficulties of campaigning. He returned home with a most creditable military record and is now a valued member of the Grand Army of the Republic, being connected with the local post at Hoopeston.

Following the close of the war Mr. Bushnell engaged in the lumber business in Peoria, Illinois, until October, 1867, when he sold his interests at that place and removed to Gilman, Illinois, where he conducted a similar business and also extended his activities to include the grain trade. In 1878, however, he withdrew from those lines and entered the service of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company as general agent, with headquarters at Terre Haute, Indiana. He remained with that company from the 28th of March, 1878, until July 1, 1885, when he came to Hoopeston and here established a grain and coal business, which he has since conducted, covering a period of a quarter of a century, which makes him the oldest grain merchant in eastern Illinois in years of continuous connection with the business. He is now president of the Hoopeston Grain & Coal Company, which is controlling a good business and which returns a gratifying annual income. He closely watches over all the details of his business to insure its successful management and his discernment is keen, his judgment sound and reliable.

Mr. Bushnell was married at Peoria, Illinois, on the 18th of September, 1867, to Miss Hattie A. Littell, a daughter of Isaac F. Littell. She was born in New York city, March 18, 1844, and by her marriage became the mother of twelve children but all are now deceased with the exception of one daughter, Jessie A., who was born at Terre Haute, Indiana, April 21, 1882, and is now the wife of John H. Jones, a native of Champaign county, Illinois, who is connected with her father in the grain and coal business. The marriage of Mr.

and Mrs. Jones was celebrated January 16, 1902, at Hoopeston, and they have become parents of four children: Henry L., born April 19, 1903; Robert A., March 12, 1906; and Francis and Florence, twins, born November 26, 1908. All were born in Hoopeston. Mrs. Bushnell and Mrs. Jones are members of the Illinois chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the latter is entitled to the highest honorary degree from the fact that her ancestors on both sides were represented in the American army in the Revolutionary war.

Mr. Bushnell has been in public office the major portion of his life. At Gilman he served as a member of the school board and in 1885 was elected mayor of Hoopeston, in which position he served until 1888. At the close of his term he entered the city council and served continuously for fourteen years, beginning in 1889. No higher encomium concerning his worth as a man and a citizen could be given than the fact that for seventeen years he was continuously in office. For six years he has been a member of the school board and during four years of that time was its president. In politics he is an earnest republican and still takes an active part and interest in public affairs. He belongs to the Hoopeston Commercial Club and cooperates in all its projects for the general good. The underlying motive force of his life is found in his Christian faith. He has long been a devoted member of the Baptist church and for ten consecutive years was superintendent of the Sunday school. He is justly accounted among those who have largely made Hoopeston the model city which it is today. Few cities of the size have such a splendid record for all those things which are uplifting elements in the life of men, and the municipal standing in this regard is due to the efforts and influence of such citizens as Henry L. Bushnell.

MRS. MARGARET MILLER.

Mrs. Margaret Miller, a highly respected resident of Danville, is a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Evans) Porter. Her father was born in Pennsylvania in 1802, and made his home in Brown county, Ohio. He was a son of John Porter, of Scotch descent. Her mother was a native of Ohio and a daughter of George Evans. The brother of our subject, Samuel Porter, Jr., was one of the valiant defenders of the Union in the Civil war. He joined the Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry at Normal, Illinois, but later was discharged from service on account of ill health. After returning home, he assisted in organizing the One Hundred and Fourth Illinois Infantry and was advanced through the various grades from private to brigadier general in the army, gaining a record which reflected the highest credit upon himself and his country. He lost an arm at the battle of Chickamauga. Personally he was greatly liked by his brother officers, and Generals Custer and Canby claimed him among their warmest friends, he having served as a staff officer under the latter general. After the war he took up law and was admitted to the bar in Kentucky and became the legal adviser of the McKay Sewing Machine Association, which was a very large corporation. He was a good business man and

acquired large farming and mining interests, also becoming a holder of government bonds. He departed this life in Boston, April 21, 1880, and his remains were deposited in a cemetery at Bloomington, Illinois.

Margaret Porter was educated in the public schools of Tonica, La Salle county, Illinois, and grew to womanhood under the sheltering protection of the paternal roof. She was happily united in marriage to Horace Miller, who was born in La Salle county in 1839, being the second child born in that county. He was the son of Horace K. and Eunice (Newton) Miller, pioneers of that county. He received his education in the public schools of Ottawa and after reaching manhood engaged in the wholesale lumber business. Being a man of marked ability and good judgment in business affairs, he was highly successful and gained a reputation as one of the reliable and progressive citizens of Vermilion county. In political belief he was a liberal democrat, often voting for a candidate irrespective of the party to which he belonged. Fraternally he was identified with the Masonic fraternity and the Commerical Travelers Association of America. He departed this life in 1903 and the universal regret expressed in the community attested the esteem in which he was held by those who knew his worthy qualities. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Leo Porter and Mary Margaret, both of whom were educated in the Danville schools, completing the high-school course.

Mrs. Miller took up her residence in Danville in 1890. She remembers that there were three street car lines in operation at the time and the cars were drawn by mules. The city was illuminated at night by electric lights on towers and when the family moved to No. 916 Walnut street, they found themselves in the extreme northern limit of the city. She has lived to witness many innovations and improvements in Danville and during her life in this city has gained many friends by her sympathetic disposition and generous attitude toward all good works. The world is in need of men and women of intelligence and culture who will assist in smoothing the rough ways and making life happier for those who carry its burdens. To this class belongs the lady whose name stands at the head of this review.

DOUGLAS D. GILMAN.

In the field of insurance as well as banking, with which he was formerly connected, Douglas D. Gilman has made a creditable name for himself, his work in this connection standing in evidence of his ability, keen discernment and unfaltering enterprise. Moreover, where the best interests of the city are involved he is always found, his influence being given on the side of progress and improvement, justice and truth. Covington, Indiana, claims him among her native sons, his birth having there occurred on the 11th of October, 1858. The father, too, was a native of Covington and was of English lineage. He learned and followed the cabinet maker's trade, manufacturing spinning wheels and other articles of household furniture. He wedded Mary Harbert, whose

birthplace was a short distance north of Covington, Indiana. She was of Dutch lineage, a representative of one of the early families in the vicinity of Covington.

Both parents are now deceased, Douglas D. Gilman being left an orphan at the age of fourteen years, at which time the responsibilities of life devolved upon him. In fact he had earned his living from the age of eight years, for at that time his father died. His first work was picking berries for the farmers when a child at twenty-five cent per day. He carried them two miles to the town of Perrysville and was obliged to row across the river. He attended the district school for about three months in the year, his education, however, being extremely limited. His knowledge has been obtained through his own personal efforts and practical experience but he has been a keen observer of men and measures and possesses, moreover, a retentive memory. He worked as a farm hand until twenty years of age and during that period, eagerly read the newspapers and magazines, thus adding largely to his education. He has ever been fond of reading, devoting his leisure hours thereto and in this way he has gained much valuable information. When he ceased to engage in farm labor he located at Bismarck, Illinois, where he entered the employ of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad, becoming assistant operator and agent of that place. He remained in the railroad service until 1889, when he accepted the position of assistant postmaster under Charles W. Warner, filling the position for four years. He next became connected with the Hamilton-Cunningham Bank as assistant cashier and remained with that institution for sixteen years, his ability and worth constantly increasing, so that he contributed in large measure to the successful management of the institution. On account of ill health, however, he was obliged to resign his position in the bank. In the meantime he had organized an insurance agency, with office in the Hamilton-Cunningham Bank building, and since his retirement from active connection with the bank he has devoted his entire time to the insurance business, in which he has met with substantial success. He had become widely known during his banking experience, so that an extensive acquaintance helped him in the establishment of an insurance business which has constantly grown in volume and importance.

On the 20th of October, 1880, in Hoopeston, Mr. Gilman was married to Miss Lucinda Whitsett, a native of Vermilion county and a daughter of John Whitsett, an early settler of this locality. Her father is now deceased, while her mother lives in Riverton, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Gilman have become parents of three children. Mary Gertrude, born at Gessie, Indiana, is the wife of William J. Ward, postal clerk for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad, residing in the Englewood district of Chicago. Suie W., born in Hoopeston, is now a teacher in the Lincoln school. Charles D., born in Hoopeston in June, 1888, is engaged in mechanical lines and in dealing in automobiles in Chicago.

Mr. Gilman and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and he belongs also to Star Lodge, No. 709, A. F. & A. M., and to the Knights of Pythias fraternity. In politics he is a republican and was formerly central committeeman for a number of years but in later years has taken no active part in politics. He was, however, city treasurer of Hoopeston, in

which connection he proved a most capable and efficient officer, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. He certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in life. Starting out for himself at an early age of eight years and working first at a salary of twenty-five cents per day, he has gradually advanced in business circles, winning not only a substantial return for his labors, but also an untarnished name. His life has ever measured up to a high standard of manhood and honorable purpose and the years have brought him a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

VICTOR LESEURE.

In the record of those who have shaped the history of Danville and Vermilion county definite consideration should be paid to Victor Leseure, who for many years was closely associated with business interests here. His name for twenty-eight years has been upon the roll of Danville's honored dead, but through that period his memory has been enshrined in the hearts of those who knew him. A native of France, he was born in Nancy in the year 1813, his parents being Pierre and Anne (Desiree) Le Seure, who were also natives of that country, the father there engaging in manufacturing. He resided in France until 1833, when he determined to seek the opportunities offered by the new world and with his family sailed for America, taking up his abode near Covington, Kentucky, where he lived for a number of years. He afterwards became a resident of Clark county, Illinois, where he also spent several years, removing thence to Vermilion county. Upon a farm south of Danville in Danville township he took up his abode and to its further development and improvement he devoted his remaining days, both he and his wife living on that farm until called to their final rest. Of their children some died in France and Edward is the only one now living.

Victor Leseure acquired his education in his native country and was a young man of about twenty years when the family sailed for the United States. In the different localities in which they lived Victor Leseure assisted his father in the development and improvement of the home farm, and after coming to Vermilion county turned his attention to commercial pursuits, becoming proprietor of a dry-goods store in Danville, which he conducted successfully for several years. Later he turned his attention to other pursuits, becoming a partner in the Danville Gas Works, the management and control of which claimed his further attention until his demise. In all of his business affairs he manifested keen discrimination and a spirit of enterprise that enabled him to utilize every opportunity to the best advantage. Moreover, his commercial integrity was never a matter of question for in every business relation his methods and his policy were such as would bear closest investigation and scrutiny.

It was after coming to Vermilion county that Mr. Leseure was married to Miss Caroline B. McDonald, who died in the year 1872. Five children were

born of that union: Catherine, now the wife of Charles T. Yeemans, of Danville; C. Frank, who married Jennie Sidell, of this city and is now deceased; Louise, the wife of W. K. Palmer, of New Rochelle, New York; Minnette, the wife of Thomas Elliott, of Danville; and Caroline, who died in childhood. Having lost his wife Mr. Leseure was again married in 1879, the lady of his choice being Mrs. Mary J. (Smith) McDonald, a sister-in-law of his first wife. Mrs. Leseure is a native of Virginia and a daughter of David and Susan (Hunsicker) Smith, who were also natives of the Old Dominion. On leaving the south they made their way to Vermilion county, Indiana, and settled upon a farm near Perrysville, Mr. Smith being recognized as one of the active, influential and highly respected citizens of that community up to the time of his death. His sons, J. F., William P., David and Thomas H. were all engaged in merchandising there for many years, the firm being conducted by them for over half a century. They thus took an active and important part in public progress by promoting the business activity of the community.

The death of Mr. Leseure occurred on the 9th of August, 1882, and was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he not only had firm hold upon the affections of his family but had also established himself in the high regard of many friends. He gave his political support to the republican party and ever kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but had no ambition for office, preferring always to concentrate his interests upon his business affairs, which enabled him to leave his family in comfortable circumstances. Mrs. Leseure still makes her home in Danville and holds membership in the Presbyterian church here. She derives a substantial income from good property investments left her by her husband. When called to his final rest Mr. Leseure had been a resident of this city for thirty-one years and throughout that period his life was in harmony with principles that constitute the basic elements of honorable and upright manhood.

J. G. CLARK.

J. G. Clark, who for thirty-eight years has been a resident of Vermilion county, identified for a considerable period with farming interests but now well known as the president of the First National Bank of Georgetown, was born in North Carolina on the 2nd of May, 1836. He was a son of Samuel Clark, who was born, reared and married in the same state, the lady of his choice being Miss Hussy. They continued to reside in North Carolina until 1840, when they removed westward to Indiana, settling upon the frontier. J. G. Clark was then only about four years of age. His education was acquired in the Hoosier state and he there resided until 1872, when he came to Illinois and settled upon a tract of land near Ridge Farm. For a number of years thereafter his attention was given to general agricultural pursuits but in 1886 he left the farm and for the past ten years has lived in Georgetown. While agricultural and financial interests have largely claimed his attention, he was by profession a dentist, and following his marriage en-

tered upon active practice in Covington, Indiana. He had succeeded in building up a good business there when impaired health caused him to leave the office and enter upon some occupation which would keep him in the outdoor life. He therefore began farming near Crawfordsville, Indiana, where he remained for some time. He afterward located for practice of dentistry in Throntown, Indiana, but subsequently again followed farming. He came to Vermilion county in the early '70s and took up his abode upon a farm in Elwood township, which he developed and improved for some time. On leaving the farm he settled at Vermilion Grove, where he lived for five years, at the end of which time he became the president of the First National Bank of Georgetown, with which institution he has since been closely associated.

Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Mary Holaday, a daughter of William Holaday, who was born in North Carolina and in the paternal line traced his ancestry back to the Penn colony. He too became one of the early residents of Vermilion county, establishing his home here when his daughter Mary was a young girl. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Clark were born two sons and a daughter: Oliver P., who is cashier of the First National Bank at Georgetown; S. Murray, attorney at law who is now serving as assistant district attorney for the eastern district of Illinois and lives in Danville; and Emma, the wife of Professor C. E. Cosand, of Wichita, Kansas.

For many years Mr. Clark was a leading member of the Friends church at Vermilion Grove and was one of the founders of the Friends Academy there. His deep interest in the religious organization with which he is connected has been manifest in helpful support and in close conformity to its teachings. His life has been an active and useful one and, although to some extent difficulties and obstacles have barred his path, he has made continuous and consecutive progress and is now one of the honored residents of Georgetown, while in financial circles he enjoys an unassailable reputation.

JOSIAH RUSK.

The life record of Josiah Rusk is not only written in the terms of success but also in the terms of enterprise and honor, for while he has attained prosperity, becoming one of the extensive landowners of this part of the state, he has also been ever mindful of his obligations to his fellowmen and his influence has ever been on the side of justice and truth.

He was born in Fountain county, Indiana, a son of Benjamin and Mary (Cook) Rusk. The Rusk family is of Irish lineage, while the Cook family comes from Baltimore, Maryland. The parents of Mr. Rusk, on removing to Ohio, settled near Franklin, now Carlisle. The father was a pioneer farmer of that locality and there carried on general agricultural pursuits until he removed to Fountain county, Indiana. The Rusk family was prominently represented in the Union army during the Civil war by David and James Rusk, while Edward Rusk was a soldier in the Confederate ranks.

Spending his youthful days in his native state, Josiah Rusk attended the district schools through the winter months, while in the summer seasons he worked upon his father's farm, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and cultivating the crops. At length he inherited a part of the old homestead and subsequently purchased many acres more, adding to his holdings by reason of his economy and industry. His practical methods of developing his farm resulted in the harvesting of good crops annually and for his products he found a ready sale on the market. In 1889 he left Indiana and came to Hoopeston, having purchased considerable farm land in this locality. Upon his removal here he retired from active work and leased some of his land to tenants but divided much of it among his children. He had become the owner of twelve hundred acres, constituting a very valuable property, and he also owns considerable real estate in the city. His judgment concerning the worth of property has been found most sound and his investments have brought to him a substantial return.

Mr. Rusk married Miss Miranda Brown, a daughter of Jacob and Susan Brown, the former a farmer of Jay county, Indiana. In 1910 Mr. Rusk was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died in June of that year. She had gained many friends during her residence in Hoopeston, for she possessed sterling qualities of heart and mind. The children of this marriage are: Jacob B. and Mrs. Sarah S. Dempster, both now deceased; John, who is engaged in the automobile business in Hoopeston; Albert, a farmer residing in Ligonier, Indiana; Ellen, the wife of Charles B. Reynolds, of Carbondale, Illinois; and Miranda, the wife of Carl Mathis, of Spokane, Washington.

Mr. Rusk was reared in the faith of the Christian church but in 1890 became a member of the Christian Science church and has taken an active part in its welfare and upbuilding, contributing generously to its support. His stalwart advocacy of the temperance cause is indicated in his allegiance to the prohibition party. He is fond of music, is a lover of home and is devoted to his friends. His record is that of a self-made man and his history is one which should serve as a source of encouragement to others, indicating what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do. He has never feared to venture where favoring opportunity has led the way and by his business ability and perseverance has come into important relations with the agricultural interests of this section of the country.

JAMES STEELE CATHERWOOD.

A permanent resident of Hoopeston since 1882, the activities of James Steele Catherwood have contributed to the upbuilding of the city as well as to his individual success. He was born in Belmont county, Ohio, on the 12th of April, 1845, a son of James and Lydia (Tussey) Catherwood. The father was of Irish lineage. He died in 1854, but was long survived by his wife, who passed away in March, 1898. She was born in Pennsylvania, May 18, 1804, and came of German ancestry. The district schools afforded their son James

Steele his early educational privileges and later he spent one year as a student in the Concordville (Pa.) Academy, putting aside his text-books at the age of twenty-two years to become an active factor in business circles. In early manhood he was employed for a year as clerk in a country store in Christian county, Illinois, after which he went to Kansas, residing at different times in Saline, McPherson and Ellsworth counties, where he herded cattle between the years 1869 and 1874, spending five years as a cowboy upon the open plains of the west, during which period he had many exciting experiences. There is something in that life, when the individual is thrown upon his own resources, that brings out the real nature and develops that which is substantial and worth while.

For three years after his return from Kansas Mr. Catherwood was a traveling salesman and then, embarking in business on his own account, he purchased a country store in Fairfield, Howard county, Indiana, which he conducted for about two years. He then removed to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he opened a grocery store, of which he was proprietor for three years, removing in 1882 to Hoopeston, where he accepted employment with his brother, A. T. Catherwood, as bookkeeper. He thus became connected with the grain and elevator business, in which he continued until April, 1885, when he was appointed postmaster of Hoopeston during President Cleveland's administration. While filling that position, the duties of which he discharged most capably, promptly and efficiently, he formed a partnership with Charles A. Allen for the conduct of a brokerage and real-estate business, the business relation between them being maintained until 1890. In that year he entered into partnership relations with Dale Wallace under the firm style of Wallace & Catherwood, real-estate brokers, and has thus been connected with the business interests of Hoopeston to the present time. They incorporated under the name of the Wallace & Catherwood Company, of which Mr. Catherwood is vice president and treasurer. He was also one of the organizers of the North Vermilion Loan & Savings Company, of which he has been secretary for twenty-three years, or since its organization. Success has attended his efforts as the years have passed by, his intelligent direction of his interests resulting in the attainment of a substantial and creditable measure of prosperity. He is today the owner of a large number of buildings in the city and has a half interest in a four hundred acre farm about six miles from Hoopeston.

On the 27th of December, 1877, in Hoopeston, Mr. Catherwood was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hartwell, who already was becoming recognized among publishers as a writer of promise and who afterward attained national distinction as a novelist and especially as a writer of romances having to do with the early history of the middle west. Extended mention of Mrs. Catherwood is made on another page of this volume. They became the parents of a son, who died in infancy, and a daughter, Hazel, who was born November 7, 1884.

Two years before he attained his majority Mr. Catherwood joined the Union army, enlisting as a member of Company E., One Hundred and Forty-Fifth Illinois Infantry, in April, 1864. He served for six months with that command, being engaged on duty in Missouri most of the time. He is a prominent mem-

ber of the Commercial Club of Hoopeston, of which he was formerly president, and he attends the Universalist church.

While business interests have made heavy demand upon his time and energies. Mr. Catherwood has yet found opportunity for recreation in an annual outing among the northern lakes, where he has ample opportunity to indulge his love of fishing. He is today recognized as one of the strong and forceful business men of Hoopeston, whose initiative spirit and executive ability have found expression in the upbuilding of extensive business interests.

PROSPER LESEURE.

The name of Prosper Leseure is on the list of Danville's honored dead. He was for many years prominently connected with the business interests of the city wherein his intelligently directed effort won him substantial success. He is perhaps best remembered, however, because of his many kindly acts and his ready and generous aid to those in need of assistance. It has been said "It is not from the few conspicuous deeds of life that the blessings chiefly come which make the world better, sweeter, happier, but from the countless lowly ministries of the everydays; the little faithfulnesses that fill long years." It was the kindly acts and the word of encouragement which Mr. Leseure spoke that gave him the firm hold which he had upon the affection of his fellow townsmen.

A native of France, Prosper Laseure was born in Nancy, on the 26th of May, 1820, and his parents, Pierre and Anne Le Seure, were also natives of that place. He was ten years of age when the family crossed the Atlantic to the New World and for a brief period resided in Philadelphia. Subsequently the father took his family to Cincinnati, Ohio, and afterward to an estate in southern Indiana, where he lived the life of a country gentleman. It was on this estate that the children grew to manhood and womanhood and here they were instructed in the branches of English learning.

Amid the environment of a cultured home Prosper Leseure spent his youthful days and when yet a young man came to Danville, where he was soon joined by his brother, with whom he embarked in business under the firm style of V. & P. Leseure, conducting a large general mercantile store, which proved a profitable undertaking from the beginning. As the years passed their business increased and they enlarged their stock to meet the growing demands of the trade. For a long period theirs was regarded as one of the leading general stores of the time but in 1868 the partnership was dissolved and for a period Prosper Leseure engaged in no business. Later he formed a partnership with Geo. Yeomans and conducted an extensive lumber yard but eventually disposed of his interests to his son-in-law, J. G. Shedd. He also became a prominent factor in financial circles of the city, becoming one of the organizers of the State Bank of Danville, of which he was chosen vice president, continuing in that position for a number of years, or until he retired from active business in 1889. In the spring of 1892 he removed to California and lived re-

tired in Los Angeles to the time of his death, which, however, occurred in Danville on the 23d of November, 1897, when he was visiting his children in this city.

Mr. Leseure was twice married and there were three children of the first union, of whom they yet survive: Helen L., who is the widow of J. G. Shedd, for many years superintendent of the Danville schools; and Oscar, a prominent surgeon of Detroit, Michigan. The wife and mother having passed away in 1858, Mr. Leseure was again married in 1863, when Miss Harriet Crane, of Danville, became his wife. The only child of this marriage is Ernest X. Le Seure, president of the Danville National Bank.

Mr. Leseure took little part in public affairs as a politician yet was never remiss in the duties of citizenship and his cooperation and aid were freely given in support of projects for the public good. In the field of charity and philanthropy, however, he was an untiring, yet most unostentatious worker. He gave freely where assistance was needed, yet there were few outside the recipients of his bounty who knew aught of his charity. He never mentioned it himself, his generosity being prompted by a sincere interest in the welfare of his fellowmen and a deep sympathy for those who were suffering from an untoward fate. The Presbyterian church found him one of its most active, devoted and helpful members and his life was the exponent of his Christian belief. It was with the deepest regret the people learned of his death. Danville citizens had long known and honored him and the circle of his friends here was coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

JOHN LEEMON.

Viewed through the perspective of the years it is possible to take an impartial view of the work of any individual and to judge correctly of its value to the community. When considered in this way the labors of John Leemon are recognized as of marked importance to Vermilion county, where as a pioneer settler he located, being among the first to plant the seeds of civilization upon the prairies that are now peopled by a prosperous population. He had the sound judgment to recognize the fact that this district must eventually become thickly inhabited because of the natural resources of the country and as the result of his labor and sound judgment he made extensive investments and in time became one of the most successful agriculturists of the community. He was a native of County Armagh, Ireland, although of Scotch descent. He was born on the 8th of May, 1829, a son of Thomas Leemon, whose ancestors had settled in the north of Ireland when religious persecution drove them from Scotland. Thomas Leemon wedded Miss Elizabeth Thompson and unto them were born six children. In 1857 they crossed the Atlantic to establish their home in America, where John Leemon had already settled three years before. For a time they resided in Jersey county, Illinois, and subsequently took up their abode in Christian county, where the father passed away in 1862. The

mother made her home in her later years with her son John and was called to her final rest in 1882.

The schools of Ireland afforded John Leemon his educational privileges and at the age of twenty-two he bade adieu to family and friends and made his way to the new world. Favorable reports had reached him concerning business conditions here and the opportunities afforded to industrious ambitious young men. After a brief stay on the Atlantic coast he became a resident of Jersey county, Illinois, and sought and secured work as a farm hand at twelve dollars per month. In the winter season he was employed at husking corn at two cents a bushel and board. Close economy enabled him to save some money from his meager earnings and he invested in a team. Desiring that his labors should more directly benefit himself he rented land in Jersey county and there carried on general farming until 1857. In the meantime, however, he invested in property in Vermilion county, purchasing four hundred and forty acres of wild land from the government. The greater part of the territory now comprised within the borders of this county was still unclaimed and uncultivated but Mr. Leemon recognized the richness of the soil and knew that earnest labor would convert the prairie land into productive fields. The only man living in the neighborhood at the time was Thomas Hoopes, with whom he boarded, walking to his place each morning, a distance of two and a half miles and returning in the evening. He felt that this consumed too much time, however, when there was so much to be done upon his farm, and in April, 1857, he built a little house thereon and managed the household affairs as well as the fields until the time of his marriage. That happy event in his life occurred August 26, 1865, in Rossville, Miss Lodema Brown, of Butler township, becoming his wife. She was born near Lockport, Niagara county, New York, and when about seventeen years of age accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, to Indiana. Five years were there passed and the family removed to East Lynn, Vermilion county, Mrs. Leemon being then a young lady of twenty-two years. Her father spent his last days in Marysville, Tennessee, where he died a number of years ago. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Bears, remained with Mrs. Leemon until shortly before her death in 1888.

At the time of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Leemon began their domestic life in the little home which he had already prepared and he bent his energies with renewed effort to the development of his farm until his labors has wrought a wonderful transformation. He placed acre after acre under the plow and in time golden harvests rewarded his cultivation of the fields. He also set out many varieties of fruit trees and planted hedge fences. His labors were not only of a most practical but also of a most progressive character and when invention brought forth improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields he was quick to secure such and thus add to the productiveness of his farm. He had two windmills and a feed mill placed upon his farm and his barn was underlaid with water pipes which led to various tanks wherever water was required for stock. Tiling converted wet land into cultivable fields and the Leemon farm came in time to be recognized as one of the finest in all eastern Illinois. He prospered as time passed on and as his financial resources increased added to his landed interests until he was known as one of the most extensive

land holders of this part of the state. He owned in Vermilion and Iroquois counties more than eighteen hundred acres of land in addition to a two-thirds interest in eighteen hundred acres in Scott county and also property in Christian county. Since his death a division of his property has been made among his heirs. He was likewise associated with banking interests as one of the organizers of the Hamilton, Leemon & Lateer Bank of Hoopeston, with which he was associated up to the time of his death. Since then the bank has been reorganized under the name of the Hamilton & Cunningham Bank.

As the years passed on six children came to brighten the household and sorrow also entered its portals when their eldest child, a daughter, Izele, passed away at the age of twelve years. The others are: May Eliza, Robert A., John A., Charles N. and Edith L. Of these Robert married Bessie Gilson, of Chicago, in 1895, and makes his home in Hoopeston. He was a student in Quincy, Illinois, and equally good advantages were afforded the other children, May Eliza pursuing her education in Onarga, John and Charles in Galesburg and Chicago, and Edith at Lake Forest, Illinois. The family circle was again broken by the hand of death, when on the 17th of December, 1890, Mr. Leemon passed away, his death resulting from a runaway accident. He had ridden to Hoopeston for a load of lumber and on returning home his team became unmanageable. He was thrown to the ground, the wagon passing over his body. For two days he lingered and then departed this life, his remains being interred in Floral Hill cemetery. His death caused a feeling of intense sorrow throughout the community. He was a man of genuine personal worth, of generous disposition, kindly spirit and unassailable honor and these qualities had endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He had been reared in the Presbyterian church and his life embodied high and honorable principles. He was a strong temperance man, using neither liquor nor tobacco, and his influence was always found on the side of progress, truth and right. Mrs. Leemon holds membership in the Universalist church and Mr. Leemon's generosity enabled her to give liberal assistance thereto. In 1897 she left the farm and now occupies an attractive home in Hoopeston, the family being very prominent in the social circles of the city. The sons of the family are all now well known and prosperous business men of Hoopeston. Mr. Leemon was devoted to his family and found his greatest happiness in contributing to the welfare and comfort of his wife and children. In politics he was always a democrat in support of political principles but at local elections, where no issue was involved, he regarded only the capability and fitness of the candidate. He was called at various times to public office and faithfully discharged his duties in those connections. For eight years he served as justice of the peace and his decisions were always strictly fair and impartial. He served as supervisor for four years and was a school director and trustee.

Mr. Leemon had lived to witness remarkable changes in the county, for the work of civilization had scarcely been begun when he took up his abode on his Vermilion county farm. It was no unusual thing to see as many as seventy-five head of deer at one time and he engaged with his neighbors in many a wolf hunt when hunger had made the wolves so venturesome that they would steal to the very doors of the cabin in order to get the venison found hanging by

the side of the house. In many winters he killed from fifteen to twenty head of deer and the last deer known to have been slain upon the prairies fell before his rifle. As settlers came in the evidences of pioneer life were done away with, yet for some years after his arrival the prairies were starred with millions of wild flowers in June and in the winter were covered with one unbroken, dazzling sheet of snow. The roads were in poor condition and many of the now well kept highways had not yet been laid out. In all the work of progress and improvement Mr. Leemon bore his party and his aid could be counted upon to further any public project that promised to benefit the county at large.

He was a man of strong character and marked individuality, faithful to his friends, loyal in citizenship, yet his best traits of character were ever reserved for his own home and fireside and in the circle of his family he was known as a loving, considerate husband and father. His wife and children still sacredly cherish his memory and the sons, following in his footsteps, have become recognized not only as progressive but also as honorable business men of the county.

CHARLES A. ALLEN.

Charles A. Allen, a resident of Hoopeston, is known as one of Illinois' representative and honored citizens. He has left and is leaving his impress upon public thought and action and is well qualified by nature for the position of leadership to which he has attained. He stands in preeminent position in the ranks of the republican party in Illinois and his legislative history, covering almost two decades, constitutes an important chapter in Illinois politics. Moreover, in all the private relations of life he has commanded the respect and confidence of those who know him and is most highly honored where best known, a fact which indicates that his record is one which will bear close investigation and scrutiny and contains no esoteric chapters.

Mr. Allen was born in Danville, Vermilion county, Illinois, July 26, 1851. His father, William I. Allen, was a native of Plain City, Madison county, Ohio, and devoted his life to farming. Removing westward to Illinois, he entered land at Hoopeston and adding to his possession from time to time, became the owner of three thousand acres in this county. He also practiced law in the early days, becoming a member of the Danville bar at the time when Abraham Lincoln was often seen in the courts of that city. Later he became interested in banking and at the time of the "wild cat" currency his financial affairs became involved and he lost all that he had made. His bank was located at Perrysville, Indiana, where he lived for a number of years. He was one of the first settlers of East Lynn and owned all of the land upon which the town of East Lynn now stands. At that time his nearest neighbor was about three miles away, a fact indicative of the unsettled condition of the country. In early manhood Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Emily Newell, a native of Flemingsburg, Harrison county, Kentucky, and a daughter of Squire James Newell, a prominent early settler of Vermilion county, in whose honor the

township of Newell was named. He took an active and helpful part in the work of development and progress in this portion of the state and was one of the most respected and honored of the early settlers. He died at an advanced age and was laid to rest in Grove cemetery in the town of Newell in 1846. As stated, his daughter Emily became the wife of William I. Allen and unto them were born six children: Hugh, a native of Vermilion county, is now a resident of the Elkhorn Valley, of Nebraska, where he owns extensive landed interests and is also a member of the Nebraska legislature; Mary, who was born in this county, is the wife of Thomas Van Brunt, a farmer of Dakota; Emily is still a resident of Vermilion, her native county; Klimena is the widow of George Koerner and still resides in Vermilion county; Anna, who was born in this county, has passed away.

The other member of the family is Charles A. Allen whose youthful days were spent upon the home farm in Ross township, Vermilion county, where his education was acquired in the district schools of that township, in the public schools of Danville and in Michigan University. While teaching school he provided the money necessary to defray the expenses of a college education and with a desire to become a member of the bar, he matriculated in the law department of the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated on the 25th of March, 1874, on the completion of a two years' course. Admitted to practice before the Illinois bar, he settled at Ross-ville, Vermilion county, where he remained for about six years and then came to Hoopeston where he has since followed his profession in connection with the supervision of his farming interests which are extensive and valuable, representing a large investment. In his chosen profession he has made continuous progress. Although advancement at the bar is proverbially slow, no dreary novitiate awaited him. Almost immediately he proved his worth in solving the intricate problems of law and also in directly applying legal principles to the points in litigation. His analysis has ever been clear, his deductions logical and his arguments strong and forceful and he has long been recognized as one of the able lawyers practicing in this section of the state.

Mr. Allen is not alone well versed in the law, however, being equally well informed on those questions which are to the statesman and man of affairs of grave import. Few men possess wider information concerning the leading issues of the day or have discussed with greater clearness from the hustings and in legislative halls the questions which are up for consideration and settlement. His fellow townsmen, appreciating his ability and his loyalty to the public welfare, elected him as their representative to the state legislature in 1884 and for twenty-two years he thus served as a member of the general assembly. No higher encomium could be pronounced concerning the ability with which he safeguarded the interests of his constituents and of the common welfare than the fact that he was again and again reelected. He was chosen speaker of the house during the "revolt" in 1902. A contemporary historian has said: "His name figures conspicuously and prominently upon the legislative records and he has been the promoter of many measures which have found their way to the statute books of the state. He is a fearless champion of whatever course he believes to be right and his loyal defense of his honest

convictions is one of the strong elements of his success in political circles. Perhaps his name came into more general prominence in connection with what is known as the Allen bill than through any other measure. This was the street railway bill which he promoted, giving to the city councils and boards of supervisors the right of granting franchises not exceeding fifty years. The present law limits this term of franchise to twenty years. The bill which Mr. Allen promoted and fathered was carried by both houses and signed by the governor but was repealed with the next session of the legislature, Mr. Allen being the only man who voted against the repeal. Vermilion county has profited largely by his efforts in its behalf and upon the floor of the house Mr. Allen is known as an active working member deeply interested in his party's success, but placing the general good before personal partisanship."

Mr. Allen was married April 4, 1878, in Rossville, to Miss Mary Thompson, a daughter of Louis M. Thompson, who was born in this county where his people were early settlers. Their children are: John Newell; Lawrence T., attorney at law and county judge of Vermilion county; and Esther Mary, who was born in Hoopeston in 1897 and is now attending the public schools. The family residences on Washington street in Hoopeston is one of the attractive homes of the town and justly celebrated for its warm-hearted hospitality. In addition to this property Mr. Allen has extensive landed interests in Vermilion county and fifteen hundred acres in Fulton county. His patriotic devotion to his country is indicated in the fact that at the time of the Spanish-American war he raised the Sixteenth Illinois Regiment, of which Governor Tanner commissioned him colonel.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Allen is a Mason, a Knights of Pythias and a Modern Woodman. His wealth has been wisely shared with churches, charities and benevolent institutions and the deserving poor find in him a friend. He is often a visitor at the Old Settlers Home and takes great interest in preserving the records of the early development and progress of the state. He is well known as a republican speaker in campaigns and is an orator of ability who is frequently called upon to address public gatherings. Few men have been so long connected with public service and the record of none has been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation.

STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS HARRY.

Stephen A. Douglas Harry, president and treasurer of the Hoopeston Carriage Company, is at the head of the only enterprise of this kind in Hoopeston, and the business is largely a monument to his enterprise and progressive spirit and his well defined and carefully executed plans. His life history had its beginning in Coles county, Illinois, on the 24th of May, 1860. His father, Jacob Harry, was descended from Welsh Quaker ancestry, the family being founded in America soon after the arrival of William Penn. At that time the family home was established in Pennsylvania. The great-grandfather of S. A. D. Harry removed southward to North Carolina about the time of the surrender

of Cornwallis and as a volunteer of the American army assisted in preventing the British troops from continuing their march from the south. He gave his life in defense of the cause of liberty, being killed at the battle of King's Mountain. Jacob Harry, the father of our subject, was a native of Ohio, devoted his life to farming, and died in Coles county, Illinois, on the 9th of March, 1899. In early manhood he had wedded Suzanna Tobey, a native of Maryland, who died in Coles county, in April, 1902.

At the usual age Stephen A. Douglas Harry began his education in the district schools of his native county and afterward had the benefit of instruction in the normal school at Ladoga, Indiana, and in the Eastern Illinois College at Danville, devoting much of his attention to the acquirement of an education until he reached the age of twenty-four years. After leaving school he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for five years in the district schools of Coles county, while for four years he was superintendent of schools at Covington, Indiana. He then accepted the position of assistant principal of the Danville high school and after a year's service in that capacity was made principal, thus serving for five years. He came to Hoopeston as superintendent of schools and for eight years was at the head of the educational interests of this city, his zeal and enthusiasm in his work being an inspiring influence for the development and growth of the schools. In 1906, however, he turned his attention from educational to commercial pursuits, becoming associated with the Thornton Buggy Company, of which he was general manager until the business was reorganized under the name of the Hoopeston Carriage Company, in December, 1908, when he was chosen president and treasurer of the company, with W. H. Schwartz as secretary. They are manufacturers of bad weather carriages and a various line of light vehicles. They conduct both a wholesale and retail trade and are doing business all over the United States, their annual sales amounting to about fifty thousand dollars. They employ on an average of twenty skilled workmen, and theirs is the only establishment of the kind in Hoopeston. The enterprise and progressive spirit of Mr. Harry are salient features in the continuous growth and success of this undertaking. He is also engaged in farming in Indiana, his interests covering about six hundred and forty acres in Marshall and Fulton counties.

Mr. Harry was married in Charleston, Illinois, on the 5th of August, 1884, to Miss Madge Wyeth, a native of Coles county, and a daughter of Thomas E. Wyeth. They became the parents of one daughter, Zola, who was born in Coles county, January 30, 1886, and in September, 1909, became the wife of Lawrence A. Bremer. They are now residents of Vancouver, British Columbia, Mr. Bremer being engaged in the leather goods business. In 1901 in a railroad accident near Marshall, Missouri, on the Chicago & Alton, Mrs. Harry was injured and died eighteen hours afterward, her death being deeply deplored by many friends as well as her immediate family. On the 14th of July, 1904, Mr. Harry was again married, his second union being with Eunice Sater whom he wedded at Atlanta, Illinois. She is a native of Ohio and a daughter of Dr. Charles C. Sater. They now have one child, Suzanna, who was born in Hoopeston, May 14, 1908, and was named for her paternal grandmother.

Mr. Harry has never ceased to feel a deep interest in the schools and is now a member of the board of education. While at Covington, engaged in school work, he was accorded a life state certificate for Indiana. His political allegiance is given to democracy and he belongs to the Commercial Club. He is now master of the Masonic lodge and is a Knight Templar, belonging to Mary Commandery at Watseka. He has also taken the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection in Danville and his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church at Hoopeston. He is at present and has been for a number of years, superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school. His has been an active useful life, imbued with high principles, his acts and motives at all times balancing up with truth and honor.

JAMES A. MEEKS.

James A. Meeks, attorney at law of Danville, was born in Washington county, Ohio, March 7, 1864. His father, Moses Meeks, was likewise a native of that county, born August 13, 1820. His parents emigrated from Virginia to Ohio when the latter state was a wilderness and the Meeks family were thereafter actively and helpfully connected with the growth of Washington county and its development from primitive conditions. Moses Meeks was there reared among the wild scenes and environment of pioneer life, assisting in the arduous task of developing a new farm, hence early cultivated those habits of industry and thrift which remained with him through life. In April, 1848, he was united in marriage to Miss Susan Hackathorn, a native of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and they began their domestic life upon a farm in Washington county, Ohio, where they resided continuously until 1865, when they traveled westward to Illinois, arriving in Vermilion county in April. At that time they took up their abode upon a farm which remained the home of Mr. Meeks until his death, which occurred in 1910, after he had passed the ninetieth milestone on life's journey. He came of a family noted for longevity. One of his grandfathers, John Gray, lived to be more than one hundred years old and is believed to have been the last survivor of the Revolutionary war. Mr. Meeks appeared much younger than he was, retaining his mental and physical capacities largely unimpaired for many years, and even in his closing years he did not present the enfeebled appearance of most men of his age. He and his wife had celebrated their golden wedding at the family home in April, 1898, and on the 23d of November of that year the death of his wife occurred. Mr. Meeks was greatly affected by the demise of his companion but he remained in vigorous health until a few days prior to his own death. He was as supple in his movements as most men twenty years his junior and he never walked with a cane. Some of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Meeks were born in Ohio, while others were added to the household following the removal to the Vermilion county farm, which is situated in the McKendree neighborhood about three and a half miles northeast of Georgetown, at the station Meeks of the Chicago, Terre Haute & Southeastern Railroad. The surviving children are: George W., now living in Beaver, Oklahoma; Samuel, a

resident of Galveston, Indiana; James A., of this review; Ida V., living in San Diego, California; and Mrs. Sarah Ellen Vincent, whose home is at Meeks.

James A. Meeks was only about a year old when the family came to Illinois, and upon the old homestead he spent the days of his boyhood and youth. He attended the Wingard school nearby, then became a pupil of Westfield College and later of Illinois College at Jacksonville. Determining early upon the practice of law as a life work, he began reading in the office and under the direction of E. R. E. Kimbrough, who is now on the circuit bench. In November, 1890, Mr. Meeks was admitted to the bar and on the 1st of October of the following year opened a law office in Danville. He was in partnership with Judge Kimbrough for ten years prior to the election of his former preceptor to the bench. He has always continued in active connection with the bar as a general practitioner and in October, 1903, he was appointed master in chancery of the circuit court for Vermilion county, which position he has filled without interruption to the present time.

On the 27th of August, 1898, Mr. Meeks was married to Miss Frances R. Pearson, a daughter of Gustavus and Hattie (Brown) Pearson, natives of Ohio and New York respectively, who are now living in Danville. Her father was for many years a commission merchant of Chicago and prominent on the Board of Trade. He is a member of the Chicago Pioneers and of the California Pioneers of Chicago. His father Judge John Pearson was for a time on the circuit bench when the district in which Danville was located also embraced Cook county. At length he retired from the bench to accept the office of state senator in the same district. He was one of Danville's pioneers and most honored and respected citizens. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Meeks was also a lawyer at Ogdensburg, New York, and likewise served upon the bench. Her father, Gustavus Pearson, in early manhood was employed by Joel Matteson, of Joliet, Illinois, who afterward became governor of the state. In 1849, following the gold excitement, he went to California and in addition to his mining interests he operated with a party of twelve a flouring mill at Vallejo, near San Francisco. While prospecting, he discovered the Yosemite valley. Since 1880 he has made his home in Danville.

In his political views Mr. Meeks is a democrat, thoroughly versed on the questions and issues of the day. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is, moreover, a very public-spirited man and one of the foremost members of the Danville bar.

JOSEPH G. CANNON. JR.

Joseph G. Cannon, Jr., who for three years has been connected with the Illinois Traction System and makes his home in Danville, was born in Tuscola, Illinois, November 28, 1870, a son of William and Anna (Wamsley) Cannon, who removed to Danville when he was about five years of age. Their family numbered two sons and a daughter, the brother of our subject being O. W. Cannon, of this city, while the sister, Anna, is the wife of G. W. Helm of Los Angeles, California.

Joseph G. Cannon, Jr., acquired his early education in the Danville schools and afterward attended the Pennsylvania Military school at Chester, Pennsylvania. Upon completing his course there he secured a position in the Second National Bank of Danville of which his father was for a number of years president. There he remained for several years, his ability and fidelity winning him promotion through various positions. He then became associated with the Illinois Traction System, with which he has now been connected for three years.

On the 12th of June, 1893, Mr. Cannon was married to Miss Claribel Durham, who was born January 27, 1871, in Kankakee, Illinois. In 1875 she was brought to Danville by her parents, John and Mary (Cassidy) Durham, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of this city. The ancestors of the family came from Virginia. George Washington Cassidy, the grandfather of Mrs. Cannon, was one of the pioneer residents of Vermilion county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Durham are now deceased. There are two living sons, however, and two daughters: J. C. Durham, a resident of Borden, Indiana; Myra, also living at Borden; J. H. Durham, of Bloomington, Indiana; and Mrs. Cannon, who by her marriage has become the mother of one son, John William, born March 7, 1898, and now a pupil in the Garfield school. Mrs. Cannon completed her education in the Danville high school. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and she presides with gracious hospitality over her attractive home at No. 1018 North Vermilion avenue.

JOHN E. P. BUTZ, M. D.

Dr. John E. P. Butz, who since 1878 has engaged in the practice of medicine at Potomac, has won for himself a favorable place in professional circles and at the same time has been recognized as a leader in political lines. He was born July 12, 1849, at Little Sandusky, Ohio, a son of Samuel and Alcinda Helen (Foulke) Butz. The father was born in Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1824, and the mother was a native of Virginia. They were married in 1848 at Little Sandusky, Ohio, and on removing from that place became residents of Vermilion county, Illinois, Mr. Butz entering land in Pilot township in 1852, since which time the family has resided in the same neighborhood.

Dr. Butz was reared upon the old homestead farm and the usual experiences of agricultural life were his in his boyhood and youth. He supplemented his early educational training by study in the high school at Ann Arbor, Michigan, from which he was graduated with the class of 1875 and then entered the Rush Medical College of Chicago, where he completed a three years' course and was graduated in 1878. Locating for practice in Potomac, he has remained here continuously since and in the intervening period, covering a third of a century, he has always been recognized as one of the leading and able members of the profession in this part of the county. Broad reading and wide research have kept him in touch with the advanced work that is being done by the profession and he is quick to adopt any new idea or method of

practice which he believes will have vital worth and significance in his professional duties.

On the 24th of June, 1880, in Ladoga, Indiana, Dr. Butz was united in marriage to Miss Mabel F. Buckingham and they have one son, Homer E., who married Beryl M. Osborn and has two sons, Edmund and Frederick. Dr. Butz holds membership in the Unitarian church and in every relation of life is a man of broad and liberal views who recognizes that there is much good in the world and at the same time recognizes the opportunity for further progress and advancement, toward which he is lending his aid and influence. He belongs to both the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges and the Modern Woodmen and in his political views is a democrat, supporting the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. That he is recognized as one of its leaders in local ranks is indicated in the fact that he was honored with election to the state legislature and served in 1897-8. In that office, as in other relations of life, he gave careful consideration to every question that came up for settlement and by his support or opposition to any measure, as the case might be, sought the welfare and benefit of the state at large.

REV. FREDERICK GAHLMAN.

Rev. Frederick Gahlman, pastor of St. Anthony's church at Hoopeston, was born at Clyman, Wisconsin, March 28, 1871, a son of Frederick and Josephine (Bauerichter) Gahlman, both of whom were natives of Westphalia, Germany. They came to America in 1841, settling in Wisconsin. They were then in the period of childhood and in 1856 they were married in Watertown, Wisconsin. The father was a lifelong farmer, following general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred October 6, 1909. His widow still survives and is now living in Clyman, Wisconsin.

Frederick Gahlman attended the country schools and afterward pursued a commercial course at Sacred Heart College in Watertown, Wisconsin. He studied the classics and philosophy at St. Joseph's College in Dubuque, Iowa, where he was graduated and then entered upon further preparation for the priesthood by pursuing a theological course at Mount St. Mary's Seminary at Cincinnati, Ohio. Following his graduation there he was ordained in 1901, in Peoria, Illinois, by Bishop O'Reilly and was assigned to the assistant pastorate of the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Gilman, Illinois. In March, 1902, he was appointed pastor of St. Anthony's church at Hennepin, Illinois, by Bishop Spaulding and while there built the new church—St. Patrick's. In July, 1903, he was transferred to St. Anthony's church in Hoopeston and under his charge also has the Watseka out mission. Through his diligent labors he built up the Hoopeston parish so that they were able to support their own pastor. In 1907 the new St. Anthony edifice was dedicated, all debts were liquidated and the church started out clear of any financial obligations. The Hoopeston parish was established about 1880 and was for many years attached to the Gilman parish. About 1898 Father Mainville was

placed in charge, being the first resident pastor. Father Selk succeeded as the second pastor, then came Father Welters and at the present time Father Gahlman is in charge. There are seventy families members of the parish and they are numbered among the best and most substantial citizens of Hoopeston and the surrounding country.

LORENZO D. WOOD.

Lorenzo D. Wood, proprietor of a livery and sales barn at Hoopeston, was born in Iroquois county, Illinois, December 15, 1869, a son of Lorenzo D. and Martha Ann (Hill) Wood, both of whom were natives of Indiana. The father was born December 22, 1841, and on the 28th of February, 1864, was united in marriage to Miss Martha Ann Hill, whose birth occurred February 21, 1846. They became the parents of eight children, namely: Augusta, who was born November 26, 1865, and is now living in Clinton county, Indiana; William T., who was born January 19, 1868, and is now a resident of Danville; Lorenzo D.; Jefferson, who was born June 27, 1873, and is living in Hoopeston; Mahaska, who was born December 22, 1875, and is now the wife of Charles Murray, of Hoopeston; Maud, who was born April 12, 1879, and is the wife of Richard Eddy, of Chicago; Claude, who was born March 12, 1883, and died May 21, 1908; and Piner, who was born October 16, 1885, and died October 30, 1890. The mother of these children passed away October 9, 1908, and in February, 1910, the father married Mrs. John Sabon.

At the age of eleven years Lorenzo D. Wood, whose name introduces this record, came with his parents to Vermilion county, the family settling on a farm near Hoopeston. The father continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits in this county until 1904, when he sold his farm and turned his attention to the dairy business, since which time he has made his home in Hoopeston.

Lorenzo D. Wood assisted his father in the work of the home farm until he had attained his majority and during that period acquired his education in the public schools. When he had reached adult age he began working for the Illinois Canning Company, with which he remained for three years and then turned his attention to buying, baling and shipping hay and straw. For nine years he engaged in that business and in 1902 established a livery and sales barn in Hoopeston, in which connection he has built up a successful business not only in the rental of horses and vehicles but also in buying and selling horses.

On the 12th of April, 1892, Mr. Wood was married to Miss Laura B. Pickerell, a daughter of John W. and Lizzie Jane (Renaker) Pickerell. Her father is now deceased but her mother is living in South Dakota. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wood have been born two daughters: Edith, born December 9, 1896; and Ruby C., July 28, 1901. Both are now students in the schools of Hoopeston.

John W. Pickerell, the father of Mrs. Wood, was born April 17, 1852, and died on the 12th of June, 1908. He was married December 10, 1874, to Lizzie Jane Renaker, who was born February 20, 1856, and is now the wife

of G. V. Hill, living in South Dakota. By her first marriage she had five children. Laura B., who was born October 3, 1875, is now the wife of our subject. Tremont, born March 3, 1878, Albert, born April 13, 1880, and Edward, born September 13, 1883, are all residents of Hoopeston. Martha Agnes, born December 6, 1887, married Jess McKibben September 20, 1903, and died leaving two daughters, Florence and Frances.

Mr. Wood belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp and to the Odd Fellows lodge and enjoys the favorable regard of his brethren of those fraternities. His life has been an active and useful one and the success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own efforts, for his close application and energy have enabled him to work his way steadily upward.

JOHN L. HAMILTON.

John L. Hamilton is the only man chosen from the ranks of those in control of private banking institutions to become president of the National Association of Bankers, and in that organization other honors of almost equal prominence have been accorded him, giving proof of his standing among those who are foremost in controlling the financial interests and solving intricate money problems of the country. His local business connection is now that of president of the Hoopeston National Bank of Hoopeston, yet his business activities reach out into various fields and wherever progress, reform and public honor are to be conserved his interest is awakened and his cooperation becomes a forceful element.

A farm in Macoupin county, Illinois, was the birth place of Mr. Hamilton and his natal day was May 8, 1862. His parents, John L. and Anna Eliza (Leemon) Hamilton, removed to Wellington, Illinois, in 1864, and became residents of Watseka in 1875. The father, who devoted many years of his life to general agricultural pursuits, was afterward selected to the position of county treasurer of Iroquois county and proved a most faithful custodian of the public funds. He was also four times honored with election to the state legislature and was connected with much important constructive work that found its way to the statute books of the state. While a stanch advocate of republican principles, he ever placed the interests of the commonwealth before that of party and the general good before personal aggrandizement. Loyalty characterized all of his public service and sound judgment made his work of practical value and of far-reaching and beneficial effect. In business affairs, too, he displayed keen discernment and making judicious investment in property became the owner of twenty-four hundred acres of land in Iroquois county and seventeen thousand acres in Texas. He died in Watseka, Illinois, in May, 1900, and is still survived by his widow, who is yet a resident of that place. Both were of Scotch and English lineage and the traits of a worthy ancestry are manifest in their descendents. The family of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hamilton, Sr., numbered seven children, of whom the subject of this review is the eldest. The other sons are William A., Edward C. and George

H., all residents of Iroquois county and extensively engaged in the cattle business in Texas.

The public-school system of Watseka provided John L. Hamilton of this review with his educational privileges. He left the high school when in his eighteenth year and from 1879 until 1886 filled the office of deputy county treasurer, under his father, in Iroquois county and also the office of deputy county clerk. He resigned the latter position in 1887 to become one of the organizers of the Citizens Bank of Watseka, with which he was connected until the spring of 1889, when he disposed of his interests and on the 1st of April removed to Hoopeston. He has since been prominently identified with the banking interests of this city. He was first cashier in the banking house of Burwell, Hamilton & Morgan and when change in ownership occurred the name of Hamilton & Cunningham was assumed, Mr. Hamilton becoming vice president of the institution and so continuing until the 1st of June, 1909. On that date he organized the Hoopeston National Bank and was elected its president. His operations at Hoopeston, however, do not compass the scope of his activities, for he is now vice president of the American Bank & Trust Company of Danville and in other connections has rendered service of marked value to the banking interests of the state.

There are few representatives of the banking business in Illinois who have so wide and favorable an acquaintance, and the labors of none have been more effective and beneficial in upholding the high standard of service or in more closely safeguarding the interests of banking institutions and depositors. He has served for fifteen years on the executive council of the Illinois Bankers Association and was for three terms its chairman. In the years 1898 and 1899 he was honored with the presidency. He served for eight years on the executive council of the American Bankers Association and during one year of that time was chairman. He was also made chairman of the Fidelity Bond Committee, which is considered one of the leading, if not the most important, committees of the association. In this connection the local press said: "The conferring of these honors upon Mr. Hamilton without solicitation upon his part comes as the strongest possible official endorsement of the valuable work he has been doing for the association for many years. The honors in this instance have fallen upon shoulders well worthy of receiving them. No man in the association takes a deeper interest in looking after all that tends to improve the present system of banking than Mr. Hamilton. His careful and conscientious study of the financial problems with which all banking institutions must necessarily come in contact has supplied a fund of information that has earned for him the well merited distinction of being one of the ablest and most conspicuous authorities on financial questions in the association. In June, 1901, he went to England as the representative of the American Bankers Association to study financial conditions in that country." The task occupied about two months and the able and exhaustive report he rendered the association on his return elicited from its members the most favorable comments. Still higher honors came to him in 1905 in his election to the presidency of the American Bankers Association. This was a mark of special distinction, for he is the only private and country banker that has ever been called to the

presidency of the National Association, which has eleven thousand members. He is now a member of the currency commission of fifteen members, who were appointed to assist congress in revising the banking laws of the United States and is member of the federal legislative committee of five of the American Bankers Association, to whom is referred all federal legislation affecting bankers in the United States. He is likewise chairman of the fidelity and burglary insurance committee of the American Bankers Association, which has in charge the bonding and pensioning of employes of the members of the American Bankers Association and the insurance interests and protection against burglary.

Aside from his banking business and his insurance service in the State and National Bankers Associations, Mr. Hamilton is widely known in business circles, being treasurer and director of the Federal Life Insurance Company of Chicago, secretary and treasurer of the Hoopeston Horse Nail Company and the owner of extensive landed interests which include property in Iroquois county and large holdings in Texas and Georgia, having about thirty thousand acres of yellow pine in the latter state. In other connections he is also prominently identified with the organization of movements for the benefit of trade and commerce. He is a member of the Association of Commerce of the city of Chicago and is a director of the Illinois Manufacturers Association. Hoopeston, too, has benefited by his efforts in its behalf. He rendered signal service to the city as a member of the council from 1895 until 1897 and in the latter year he was chosen mayor, remaining as chief executive of the city for four years. His administration was characterized by the same prompt dispatch of municipal business that has marked his management of private interests and he also wrought along the lines of reform and progress, his capable service receiving endorsement through his reelection. He is recognized as one of the leading republicans of the state and has been a delegate to all its conventions since 1892. The call of benevolence and charity has never found him unresponsive and where the interests of humanity are to be conserved he is ready to lend his aid and influence, being now one of the seven commissioners of the National Red Cross Association of America, of which President Taft is the head, while Governor Deneen is the state chairman.

On the 9th of February, 1892, in Tolono, Illinois, Mr. Hamilton was married to Miss Mary A. Hall, a daughter of James A. Hall, and a native of Onarga, Illinois. They have become the parents of five sons: John Lawrence, Donald H., Robert L., Howard and Thomas J., all born in Hoopeston. The family attend the Presbyterian church. Mr. Hamilton is also prominent in the Masonic fraternity having taken all of the degrees of the York and Scottish Rites up to and including those of the commandery and the consistory. He is likewise a member of the Mystic Shrine and belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge, in which he has filled all of the offices. He is likewise a member of the Commercial Club of Hoopeston and maintains pleasant social relations with leading business men of Chicago through his membership in the Union League, the Hamilton and the Bankers Clubs of that city.

He has been the strong center of the community in which he moves and his business balances up with principles of truth and honor. His interests and

activities have never been self centered but have reached out to that broad field of usefulness wherein the public is a benefactor. He believes in the maintenance of the highest possible standards in the field of banking and his clear judgment and sound opinions have been influencing factors in the solution of vital financial problems and the conservation of banking interests.

JOHN C. BRADY.

John C. Brady, manager of extensive milling interests at Danville owned by the Charles Herenden Milling Company of Chicago, was born in Danville township, October 14, 1869, and is of Scotch, Irish and German descent. He is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of the county. His grandfather, John Brady, was one of the early settlers here and was closely identified with the development and progress of the county for many years. He was born in Virginia but when very young was taken to Ohio, his parents becoming pioneer residents of Brown county, where he was reared to manhood and married. Instead of settling there he decided to come further west and made a prospecting trip on horseback. He was so pleased with the country in eastern Illinois that he returned to Ohio for his family and by team they traveled westward to Vermilion county. This section was very sparsely settled at the time, most of the land being owned by the government and for sale to whomsoever cared to buy it at a dollar and a quarter per acre. Mr. Brady very soon made claim to a tract of land three miles south of the city of Danville, or rather of the present site of the city, and entered it from the government at the land office at Palestine. He built there a round log house for a temporary residence but soon afterward put up a more substantial hewn log house, and it was in that home that John Brady, Jr., the father of our subject, was born. Later the grandfather erected a frame house which was first put up in South Danville by a party who intended it for a hotel but who failed before it was completed. John Brady, Sr., then purchased the frame and erected the house on his homestead. The side-boards, casings, window frames and in fact all of the finishings were made of black walnut, and it was in that house that John C. Brady was born. This building remained standing until a few years ago, when it was destroyed by fire. As the years passed John Brady, Sr., converted his claim into a good and productive farm and resided thereon until death closed his useful career. The maiden name of his wife was Rosanna Kratzer, and she was a native of Ohio. Her father, Henry Kratzer, removed from Ohio to Indiana, becoming a pioneer settler of Marion county, where he developed a farm from the wilderness, the place being about a mile from Indianapolis. Upon that farm he spent his remaining days. His daughter, the grandmother of John C. Brady, died at the old family homestead in Vermilion county. Both Mr. and Mrs. John Brady, Sr., were people of sterling worth and were very influential in their neighborhood, all holding them in high esteem and respect.

John Brady, Jr., the father of John C. Brady, was born in Danville township, February 1, 1837, and the old homestead, which was his birthplace, is still in his

possession and from its rental he derives a good income. He is now living in retirement at No. 1124 North Logan avenue, in Danville, having accumulated a handsome competence by his capable management and judicious investments. He remembers well the incidents of pioneer life here and the primitive style of living necessitated by the distance from the centers of older civilization. He acquired his education in the pioneer school which was held in one of the old time log schoolhouses with its rude benches for seats. He continued upon the old homestead until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when, in July, 1862, he answered his country's call and enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry, taking part in all of the important engagements in which the company participated, including Sherman's campaign from Chattanooga to Atlanta and the march to the sea. After being mustered out in 1865 he returned to the old homestead and again took up the work of farming, which he followed continuously until 1883, when he removed with his family to Tilton. After making his home in that village for several years he took up his abode in Danville, where he now resides.

John Brady, Jr., was married in February, 1859, to Miss Mary Conlin, a native of the state of New York, and unto them were born ten children, of whom four are now living: Margaret, John C., Charles N. and Edith. The mother was born August 1, 1839, on what is now Broadway, New York city, and there resided with her parents for several years, thence going to New Orleans, where they lived for a few years before coming to Illinois to make their home. Mrs. John Brady, Jr., has a brother and two sisters living and they have all done their part toward shaping the history of Vermilion county.

John C. Brady, whose name introduces this record, acquired a country school education and then began work in a grocery store at Tilton, Illinois. In 1892, deciding to follow commercial pursuits, he went to Lexington, Kentucky, where he pursued a business course in the Kentucky University. After completing his education he accepted a position as bookkeeper for Bookwalter Brothers, lumber manufacturers, of Farmer City, Kentucky, from which position he resigned to become paymaster for the Columbia Rolling Chair Company, which had a concession at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. At the close of the exposition he returned to Danville and became connected with the Consolidated Coal Company of St. Louis, Missouri, as manager and buyer for their general store at Mission Field, Illinois.

While living there Mr. Brady became acquainted with and married Miss Eva Estelle Speakman, the wedding being celebrated September 23, 1896. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Speakman, who resided on a farm near Danville, and her death occurred April 25, 1899. On the 10th of January, 1906, Mr. Brady was again married, the second union being with Mrs. Sadie B. Armour, of Danville, a daughter of Mrs. Lucinda Boston. She was born April 10, 1879, on a farm near Homer, Illinois, and when she was about seven years of age her parents removed to Indiana. After residing there for several years they returned to Illinois, her father, John W. Boston, dying soon afterward. Her mother, Mrs. Lucinda Boston, is still living and makes her home most of the time with her daughter, Mrs. Brady.

After the death of his first wife in 1899, Mr. Brady resigned his position at Mission Field to accept a position with M. W. Wright & Company, merchant millers of Danville, and it is with these mills that he is now employed as manager. Since becoming connected with the enterprise he has held his position under three different companies: M. W. Wright & Company; the American Hominy Company; and the present owners, the Charles Herenden Milling Company, of Chicago. He is interested in no other business in Danville other than with the grain and milling business, devoting all of his time to this particular work, in which connection he has built up an extensive trade.

At the age of twenty-one years Mr. Brady joined the Odd Fellows lodge at Tilton and has since continued his membership in this order, being now affiliated with Danville Lodge, No. 69, of which he is past grand. He is also a member of the Danville encampment of Odd Fellows and of the Daughters of Rebekah, and belongs to the Danville lodge of Elks. In 1901 Mr. Brady enlisted in Battery A of the Artillery Battalion of the Illinois National Guard, and he was later appointed commissary sergeant by Major Oscar P. Yeager, commander of the battalion, to serve on the battalion staff. On the 3d of March, 1903, Governor Richard Yates commissioned Mr. Brady as quartermaster of the Artillery Battalion, Illinois National Guard with a rank of first lieutenant; which position he still retains. He has always been a democrat but has never taken an active part in politics. He is, however, well known in military circles and is regarded as a prominent representative of the Odd Fellows Society of Danville, while in business life he has made for himself a creditable position.

E. W. CASS.

E. W. Cass, president of the Danville Lumber Company, is a worthy representative of the business interests of the city. He is one of Vermilion county's native sons, his birth occurring here, March 19, 1880, and he belongs to an old and honored pioneer family, being a grandson of James Cass, who came here at an early day from Dayton, Ohio, and by occupation was a farmer. Our subject's father, Riley Cass, was born near Fithian, this county, and devoted his early life to agricultural pursuits, but about fourteen years ago he embarked in the lumber business in Danville as a member of the firm of Cass & Swisher. Business was carried on under that style for six years and at the end of that time the Danville Lumber Company was organized, with Riley Cass as vice president. He served in that capacity until his retirement from business in 1908, and in April of the following year he passed away. He had married Anna Matticks, a native of Danville and a daughter of Jesse Matticks, who was also one of the prominent old settlers of this region. A more extended sketch of the parents appears elsewhere in this volume.

Reared under the parental roof, E. W. Cass obtained a good practical education in the public schools and later was fitted for a business career by a course in the Danville Business College. Since leaving school he has devoted his en-

tire time and attention to the lumber business and was one of the organizers of the Danville Lumber Company, of which he became president and is still filling that office. The success of the company is due in large measure to his energetic and untiring efforts, for he is a wide-awake business man, of known reliability.

Mr. Cass was married October 7, 1903, to Miss Mary Woody, a native of Homer, Illinois, who died on the 2d of December, 1909, leaving a little daughter, Catherine, whose birth occurred February 5, 1907. In his social relations Mr. Cass is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. Although still a young man he today occupies an enviable position in business circles and is regarded as one of the most successful and influential citizens of the community.

WILLIAM CREIGHTON.

William Creighton, a well known farmer of Middle Fork township, Vermilion county, is numbered among the sons of pioneers and represents the third generation of a sturdy line extending from the war of the Revolution to the present time. He has been a resident of Vermilion county since his childhood and has been a witness of many of the changes that have been wrought in Illinois and other states since the Civil war.

He was born in Cumberland, Ohio, December 4, 1859, a son of Isaac L. and C. M. (Cary) Creighton. He is a descendant of Scottish ancestry, the founder of the family in this country having arrived on these shores previous to the Revolutionary war. He came to this state with his parents when he was seven years of age and was reared on the old homestead and educated in the district schools. Under his father he gained a practical knowledge of farming operations; was early taught habits of industry; and has always been a conscientious worker. By self-denial and concentration on the various duties of the farm in the course of years he accumulated property which enabled him to live in comfort. He continued at home until he was twenty-five years of age, when he began for himself by renting a farm which he conducted with good results for six years. At the end of this time he purchased the farm in Middle Fork township where he now lives, consisting of eighty acres on section 17, which he has brought to a fine state of development. He is also the owner of eighty acres on section 9 of the same township and is recognized as one of the thorough agriculturists of his region.

On March 26, 1885, Mr. Creighton was united in marriage to Miss Olive J. Warren, a native of Ross township, Vermilion county, and a daughter of William and Mary J. (Wisett) Warren, who were both natives of Indiana. She was one of a family of fourteen children, eleven of whom are now living. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Creighton, three of whom are living. Hazel, born July 24, 1889, who is a graduate of the Danville high school and is now the wife of George Furrow, of Pilot township; Harold; and Ruth.

Mr. Creighton and his children were called upon to mourn the departure of the wife and mother, who was summond from earthly cares March 1, 1909, and was summoned from earthly cares March 1, 1909, and was laid to rest in Armstrong cemetery.

Mr. Creighton is affiliated with the democratic party but has never sought political preferment, his attention being occupied mainly by his own private affairs. He is recognized as one of the substantial agriculturists who have won their way by attention to their work and the application of sound principles which almost invariably produce gratifying results. By many years of industry he has gained the respect of his neighbors and he has the satisfaction of knowing that the farm which he has so well developed will now provide liberally and yield a handsome revenue to its fortunate owner.

GEORGE R. CATLETT.

To some men one talent is given but occasionally men are met with who have several talents and they appear to be equally successful in whatever they undertake. To the latter class belongs George R. Catlett, banker, farmer and business man of Fairmount, a native of Vermilion county, who has been making rapid strides in the financial and business world and is recognized as one of the energetic and progressive men of the county.

He was born August 23, 1864, and is a son of Hiram H. and Lorinda (Roudebush) Catlett, the former a native of Charlottesville, Virginia, and the latter of Ohio. The Catlett family is one of the well known pioneer families of Vermilion county, its progenitors being natives of Virginia, where one of the early men of the family owned the land on which the University of Virginia now stands. Lawrence T. Catlett, the grandfather of our subject, was married to Sally Harmon and they lived in Charlottesville until 1828. He was educated for the law but not liking the profession after a short experience at the bar, he abandoned it for the saddler's trade. He lived at Bloomingburg, Ohio, from 1835 to 1846, but he possessed pioneer instincts and on October 18, 1846, arrived in Vermilion county with his family, where he engaged in farming with a large degree of success. He died July 7, 1861, and his wife departed this life January 10, 1871. They were the parents of twelve children, six boys and six girls. He was a profoundly religious man and was noted for his generosity and unselfish life.

Hiram H. Catlett, the father of our subject, was born at Charlottesville, Virginia, October 21, 1823, and came to this county with his parents at twenty-two years of age. He and his brother Harold became highly successful as agriculturists and stock-raisers and acquired fifteen hundred acres of land, upon which there grazed a fine herd of live stock. Hiram H. Catlett departed this life in 1903 and his wife was called to her final rest April 30, 1910. Six children blessed their union. At the time of his death Mr. Catlett was the owner of six hundred acres of land in Vance township and a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Nebraska. He was a man of unusual energy

and intelligence and by a life of fair and honorable dealing won the respect of all who knew him. He was an adherent of the Baptist church, a denomination with which the family for several generations has been identified, and in politics he favored the democratic party, although he had strong prohibition tendencies. He was essentially a leader and was fearless and self-reliant in anything he undertook, but he never sought to advance his own interests at the expense of others.

George R. Catlett was reared in a well conducted home and was educated in the public schools, later matriculating in the State University of Mississippi, where he continued for two years. He completed his collegiate education at Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana, and upon leaving college devoted his attention to the farm. In his twenty-first year, his father recognizing the interest which he had displayed in various operations of agriculture and stock-raising, presented him with a farm of one hundred and six acres, to which he devoted his attention, also associating with his father for six years in an extensive cattle-feeding business, handling as many as two hundred head of cattle in a year and delivering them at the highest prices. He continued in various farming operations until 1906, since which time he has made his home at Fairmount. In 1905 Mr. Catlett purchased the interest of C. F. Iles in the banking business of Iles & White, the name of the firm being changed to Catlett & White. By the application of sound and progressive methods the business of the firm has grown to handsome proportions and it is known as one of the substantial and prosperous financial concerns of eastern Illinois. In 1908 Mr. Catlett purchased a grain elevator at Fairmount, which had been the property of C. F. Crow, and he has since operated this elevator with a success that attends his efforts in any direction to which he devotes his attention. He is at present the owner of a well improved farm of two hundred and fifty acres north of Fairmount and the owner of a half interest in two hundred and forty acres of land south of the town, both properties being in Vance township. He also owns two residences in Fairmount and a half interest in a bank building. At the present time he is renting his farming land, as his attention is devoted mainly to the banking and grain business.

In 1890 Mr. Catlett was united in marriage to Miss Bertie Tilton, of Catlin, and shortly afterward his father removed to Franklin, Indiana, and he brought his bride to the old home, where they lived for five years. At the end of that time he built a residence upon his own farm and there they continued until their removal to Fairmount. Two children have been born to them: Shirley T., now attending the State University of Illinois; and Kemp R.

Mr. Catlett is identified with the democratic party but in local affairs is not confined to party lines, often voting for the man rather than the party. Some one has said that a common-school education adds one hundred per cent to a man's efficiency, a high-school education adds two hundred per cent, while a college education increases his efficiency by four hundred per cent. Judging by the success that has attended the efforts of Mr. Catlett, a college education

may have performed an important part in his career. However, it may be said that he possesses innate elements of capacity and character that contribute largely toward success—elements of perseverance, self-reliance and good judgment, without which the highest talents in the world would be unavailing. Mr. Catlett is now one of the leading men of his region and unless all signs fail, the future will witness greater victories for him than he has known to the present time.

GEORGE W. PATTERSON.

George W. Patterson, who for seven years past has been engaged in the real-estate business and as an architect in Danville, is a native of Covington, Indiana, where he was born February 2, 1871. He is a son of John W. and Margaret (Isler) Patterson, also natives of Indiana. Mr. Patterson, Sr., took up his residence in Danville about 1885 and became one of the well known contractors and architects of this city. He was the builder of the Plaza Hotel and of many of the most substantial structures of Danville and is now living retired in this city. The beloved mother departed this life in 1904. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, two are now living: George W., our subject; and Alice, who is a teacher in the Washington school in Danville.

George W. Patterson grew up under the favorable influence of a kindly home and gained his preliminary education in the public schools of Covington. At the age of fourteen years he came to this city with his parents and entered the high school from which he later was graduated. After laying aside his school books he assisted his father in the contracting business until 1898, when he secured a clerkship in the office of the war department at Washington D. C. Five years' experience at the national capital convinced him that he should seek his destiny on his own account and not as a salaried employe of the government. Accordingly, in 1903 he gave up his position and returned to Danville, entering the real-estate business. Being a man of sound judgment and of good address, he soon acquired a standing among real-estate men and to-day is at the head of one of the flourishing offices of the kind in Danville. He has met with gratifying success and as an architect he has also gained a fine reputation. He designed and erected the Odd Fellows building and many of the fine residences and business structures, showing a talent which gives bright promise for his work along this line in years to come.

On the 16th of May, 1908, Mr. Patterson was united in marriage to Miss Helen H. Schroeder, a daughter of John C. and Johanna (Person) Schroeder, the father being the owner of the Silver Moon restaurant. Mrs. Patterson was born November 19, 1889, at Blue Island, Illinois, and has been a resident of Danville since she was two years old. She received a good education in the public schools of this city. She has one sister, Edna, who was born March 20, 1898, and is now living at home. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson has been blessed by the birth of one child, Margaret, whose natal day was April 23, 1909.

Mr. Patterson gives his political adherence to the republican party. His attention is devoted principally to his business interests, which have grown in importance under careful management and require most of his time. He is not affiliated with any club or social organization, as he is a great lover of his family and home. He is recognized as an upright, honorable man and a progressive citizen—one who is fully worthy of the confidence and respect of the entire community.

H. S. COPELAND.

H. S. Copeland, a prosperous farmer and business man of Potomac, Vermilion county, was born on a farm within three miles of Potomac, May 18, 1862. He has grown up in this county and all his life has been actively identified with its interests. He is a son of William H. and Rachel (Stearns) Copeland. Grandfather Copeland came west from Ohio with his family, also bringing a flatboat loaded with salt, which he landed at Vincennes. He located in Middle Fork township, this county, and there spent the remainder of his life. William H. Copeland was a farmer, but in his later years associated with the subject of this review in the undertaking and furniture business at Potomac, under the title of W. H. Copeland & Son. In politics Mr. Copeland was a stanch republican and for years served on the board of supervisors, being a member of the board when the courthouse at Danville was built. He was an active member of the Baptist church and was known as a high-minded citizen and an industrious and capable man in everything that he undertook. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Copeland: Eli H., now of Potomac; A. Z., a farmer of Middle Fork township; George W., now in the hotel business at Garden City, Kansas; Nancy, the wife of W. H. Duncan, of Middle Fork township; Elizabeth, now Mrs. J. B. Chambers, whose husband is engaged in the real-estate business at Danville, Illinois; and H. S., the subject of this review.

Educated in the common schools and reared so as to become thoroughly familiar with all the duties pertaining to the farm, H. S. Copeland began his active career in the restaurant business in Potomac, in which he continued for one year. In 1887, being twenty-five years of age, he associated with one of his brothers in the furniture and undertaking business under the title of E. H. Copeland & Brother, but a year later the brother removed to Kansas and the father of the family took his place in the firm, the title becoming W. H. Copeland & Son, which remains unchanged to the present time. The business has prospered from the start and the store carries a fine stock of furniture, wall-paper, carpets, etc., and meets the demand of a wide region in this part of the county. Mr. Copeland is a man of large observation and experience and has applied to his business the principles that have proven in numberless instances to be successful. He years ago found that energy, application, persistence and good judgment are important elements in any successful business career and by example and precept he has made practical use of these ideas. His talents, however, are not limited entirely to commercial affairs as he has from youth

been engaged in farm operations and is now the owner of a farm of three hundred and five acres in Middle Fork township and a handsome residence in Potomac.

On Christmas day, 1883, Mr. Copeland was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie A. Chambers, and immediately thereafter, she being in poor health, they went to Florida, where they remained during the winter. The following winter the condition of Mrs. Copeland's health required a second trip to Florida, but change of climate proved of no avail and she passed away from earthly scenes June 7, 1885. Mr. Copeland was again married, February 24, 1886, the lady of his choice being Miss Nettie Williams. Two children have been born to this union: Flossie, now the wife of Lee McCusker, who is engaged as a traveling salesman; and Rachel, living at home.

Mr. Copeland is of social characteristics and holds membership in the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias. He is not a member of any religious denomination but is a liberal supporter of the local churches. He has been an extensive traveler and has spent considerable time in the south hunting and fishing and otherwise enjoying outdoor diversions. He is a lover of birds and of the automobile and is a believer in rational enjoyment of life as one goes along "for we many not pass this way again."

JOSEPH H. BARNHART.

Joseph H. Barnhart, one of the leading lawyers and prominent citizens of Danville, was born in the city on the 27th of January, 1880, his parents being Joseph and Elizabeth (Torrance) Barnhart. On the maternal side he is a representative of an old and honored family of Vermilion county, his grandparents having settled here in 1864, and they now lie buried in Danville cemetery. Our subject's father was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, and in early life came to this state, later becoming a conductor on the Wabash Railroad, which position he filled for a period of fifteen years. He met his death on the 18th of November, 1875, at St. Charles, Missouri, the bridge giving way as the train was crossing it. This accident caused the death of quite a number of those on board. His remains were brought back to Danville for interment. Our subject's mother, who was born near Columbus, Ohio, is still living and continues to make her home in Danville.

Joseph H. Barnhart, the only child of his parents, obtained his early education in the public schools of Danville and after leaving the high school entered the law department of Columbia College at Washington, D. C., now known as George Washington University. He was graduated from that institution in the class of 1903 and in the same year began the practice of law in Danville, first being associated with R. Allen Stephens for about three years. He was next in partnership with George T. Buckingham for two years, but since then has been alone in practice, his office being in the Daniels building. He enjoys a large practice and is well versed in the principles of jurisprudence. He is a strong advocate with the jury, concise in his appeals before the court, and much of the success which

has attended him in his professional career is undoubtedly due to the fact that in no instance will he permit himself to go into court without careful and thorough preparation and, therefore, his presentation is forceful, being characterized by terse but decisive logic and correct application of the law to the point at issue.

Mr. Barnhart was married on the 4th of October, 1905, to Miss Nellie De Champ, a daughter of Joseph De Champ, of Henderson, Kentucky. They now have a little daughter, Martha Elizabeth, who was born July 19, 1907. Mr. Barnhart was reared in the Methodist faith, his mother being a member of that church, and he is descended from a long line of ardent republicans, which party also receives his endorsement at the polls. He has ever used his influence toward securing good government and has taken quite an active and prominent part in public affairs. His fellow citizens have honored him with official preferment and in 1905 he was elected city attorney and so acceptably did he fill that office that he was reelected in 1907. Two years later he was appointed a member of the board of election commissioners and is now serving as chairman of the same to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is also chairman of the One Hundred Thousand Club and is a worthy member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America.

GEORGE BUCHANAN.

George Buchanan, the owner of a valuable and well improved farm of three hundred and seventy-two acres in the township of Georgetown, has met with excellent success in the conduct of his agricultural interests and is a highly respected citizen of the county in which his entire life has been spent. His birth occurred on a farm three miles east of Georgetown, his parents being V. J. and Sarah (Craig) Buchanan. The father, whose natal day was September 3, 1826, passed away on the 13th of September, 1888, while the mother, who was born July 8, 1847, was called to her final rest on the 16th of September, 1901. Our subject has two sisters and a brother, namely: Melvina and Sarah R., who make their home in Georgetown, Illinois; and Mahala, a rancher of Montana.

George Buchanan obtained his education in the schools of his home locality and since putting aside his text-books has devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits. The farm on which he now resides has always been his home and at present it embraces three hundred and seventy-two acres of the most valuable land in the county. It is lacking in none of the improvements and equipments of a model farm of the twentieth century and the well tilled fields annually yield bounteous harvests in return for the care and labor which is bestowed upon them. In connection with the tilling of the soil Mr. Buchanan likewise raises stock and this branch of his business adds materially to his income. He also owns a tract of land comprising eleven hundred and eighty acres in Ohio which is situated in the corners of three counties—Hardin, Logan and Auglaize. The prosperity which he now enjoys is but the merited reward of his indefatigable energy and good management and his record may well serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others.

On the 9th of November, 1893, at Indianapolis, Indiana, Mr. Buchanan was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret Richards, who was born near New Albany, Indiana, on the 4th of June, 1857. A man of progressive and modern ideas, Mr. Buchanan stands high in the estimation of his fellowmen who are acquainted with his life record from his boyhood days, and his sterling integrity and honorable manhood have won for him a circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

PERCY L. CATLETT.

Among the prosperous and progressive citizens of Fairmount, Vermilion county, representing the younger generation of one of the well known families of the county, is Percy L. Catlett, whose name stands at the head of this review. He is a native of Vance township, born December 18, 1871, and is a son of Hiram H. and Lorinda (Roudebush) Catlett, the former a native of Charlottesville, Virginia, and the latter of Ohio. The father was born October 21, 1823, and was a son of Lawrence T. and Sallie (Harmon) Catlett, who were both natives of Virginia. The grandfather was educated as a lawyer, but, finding that he had no taste for the profession, he learned the saddler's trade. He came to Vermilion county in 1846 and became widely known on account of his great benevolence and his profound religious belief. He was an uncompromising believer in the authority and inspiration of the Bible and was a thoroughly earnest Christian, carrying his benevolence almost to a fault. The nobility of his character was made manifest in many deeds of kindness. He departed this life July 2, 1861, and his beloved wife followed him to the grave January 10, 1871. Twelve children were born to them, six boys and six girls.

Hiram H. Catlett, the father of our subject, was educated in the public schools of Virginia and came west with his parents at twenty-two years of age. He passed through the hardships and trials of the early settlers and he and his brother Harold became widely known as successful farmers and business men and accumulated over fifteen hundred acres of land and a great deal of live stock. Mr. Catlett was a strong advocate of education and patronized nine colleges in educating his children. He died in 1903 and Mrs. Catlett departed this life April 30, 1910. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Catlett, four of whom are living: Nellie, George R., Percy L. and Corrinne. By lives of usefulness and unselfishness the parents were greatly beloved and made an impression for good upon the community which will continue to exert a beneficent influence long after the generation that knew them has passed away.

Percy L. Catlett was reared on the farm and received his preliminary education in the public schools and later became a student at Shurtleff College, Upper Alton, Illinois, and at Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana, graduating from the latter institution with the degree of Ph. D. in 1894. Returning home, he devoted his attention to farming for about six years, at the end of which

time he moved to Escanaba, Michigan, where he entered the banking business, organizing the People's Bank, of which he was made president. Owing to impaired health he found it necessary to give up the banking business and, closing out his interests, he came to Fairmount and entered the land business, handling Canadian property. Since 1902 he has been identified with the timber business and also with farming in this county. He is the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres in Vance township, which under his management has become one of the paying properties in the township, and he also owns timber lands in Michigan and the handsome residence in which he lives in Fairmount. In his various operations Mr. Catlett has displayed excellent judgment and has many friends who regard his opinion as to business matters with great respect.

On August 31, 1904, Mr. Catlett was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Fairclough, of Scranton county, Pennsylvania, who possesses many estimable qualities of mind and heart and has been a constant inspiration to her husband. To them one son, Donald Bryan, has been born. Mr. Catlett holds membership in Fairmount Lodge, No. 590, A. F. & A. M., and in politics is identified with the cause of prohibition. He is recognized as one of the independent thinkers of the community, whose mind has been broadened by education and by contact with the world and who possesses a more than ordinary grasp of affairs, whether of business, politics or those philosophical questions which have interested the thinkers of every age. It is scarcely necessary to say that Mr. Catlett is a student and that much of his happiness is found in his books, his entire energy not being devoted to money-getting. He is a man of unquestionable integrity, high aims, and is an honored representative of the substantial interests of Vermilion county.

FRED BOWMAN PENWELL.

Fred Bowman Penwell, who since the first of January, 1905, has been practicing at the Danville bar as a member of the firm of Lindley, Penwell & Lindley, was born in this city, September 2, 1878, a son of Frank W. and May (Bowman) Penwell. The father was long recognized as a distinguished member of the Vermilion county bar, practicing for a quarter of a century as senior member of the firm of Penwell & Lindley, the connection continuing from 1882 until 1907. His professional record was a creditable chapter in the history of the courts of Vermilion county.

Fred Bowman Penwell, after attending the public and high school, entered the University of Illinois in preparation for a professional career and was graduated LL. B. with the class of 1905. Immediately afterward he became a law clerk in the office of Penwell & Lindley, of which firm his father was the senior partner, and upon the father's retirement he became a partner, on the 1st of January, 1907, as a member of the firm of Lindley, Penwell & Lindley. His practice is now extensive and of an important character.

In his political views Mr. Penwell is a republican. He belongs to the Sigma Chi, a college fraternity, to the Knights of Pythias and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Well known in the city where his entire life has been passed, he has a large circle of friends and is popular with a large number of his fellow townsmen.

CHARLES C. ANDREWS.

For five years past identified with banking interests, Charles C. Andrews, of Oakwood, has shown an adaptability for financial pursuits that has been highly satisfactory to the officers and stockholders of the institutions with which he has been connected. Courteous and gentlemanly in address, he makes friends wherever he is known and is therefore a valued member of the community. A native of Holden, Missouri, he was born July 14, 1868, and is a son of Dewitt Clinton and Nannie (Snedeker) Andrews, the former of whom was born in Ohio in 1821 and the latter in McLean county, Illinois, in 1831.

Having lost his mother at seven years of age, Charles C. Andrews made his home with an uncle. Here he continued for nine years, during which time he received his preliminary education in the common schools. Desiring to advance further with his studies he began work on his own account at the age of sixteen, working for his board in the winter while attending school, and on the farm by the month in summer. As soon as he had advanced sufficiently to secure a certificate as a teacher he began teaching school, attending Valparaiso University, at Valparaiso, Indiana, for one year, during which time he devoted his attention assiduously to the teacher's course. After spending several years as a teacher in the country schools, he became connected with the graded schools and served as principal of the Fithian school, at Catlin, and also in a similar capacity at Dalton City and Bethany, Moultrie county, this state. In 1901 he left school work for a time to assist his father in the hardware business, but owing to the advanced age of the father the store was closed out and Mr. Andrews resumed his work in the schoolroom. His attention, however, had not been wholly devoted to educational affairs as he had assisted in organizing the State Line City Bank at State Line, Indiana, and, having been offered the position of cashier, he retired permanently from school work and opened the bank for business in February, 1905. On November 1, 1907, he resigned as cashier of the State Line City Bank and accepted a similar position with the bank of Oakwood, newly organized, and has since filled the position of cashier of this institution. Through the hearty cooperation of the other officers of the bank and the support of the general public Mr. Andrews has been instrumental in building up a steadily growing business at Oakwood.

On the 20th of February, 1896, Mr. Andrews was united in marriage to Miss Clemmer A. Taylor, of Catlin, Illinois, a daughter of Thomas A. and Mary (Acre) Taylor, who are both natives of Illinois and are now living at Catlin. Five children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrews: Aldyth M., born April 28, 1897; Frances L., born December 1, 1900; Robert E., born

May 23, 1904; Thomas Elwin and Dewitt Harmon, twins, born November 2, 1906.

Although Mr. Andrews was a successful teacher he has proved equally successful in a field that calls for clear judgment and keen discrimination and has attracted many of the brightest minds in America. He keeps thoroughly informed as to investments and his judgment is often sought by persons who wish to place their money where it will be safe and at the same time produce a reasonable income. Politically Mr. Andrews has since attaining his majority been identified with the republican party and he is an earnest supporter of its candidates and principles. In 1894 he became connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and has served in various offices in that organization, filling the position of clerk of State Line Camp for over five years. He has been a member of the Odd Fellows since 1900 and is a past grand in that order. He has been a member of the Disciples church since boyhood and the reputation which he has attained for fidelity to every trust reposed in him is largely the result of the teachings of the great Book on which this church is founded.

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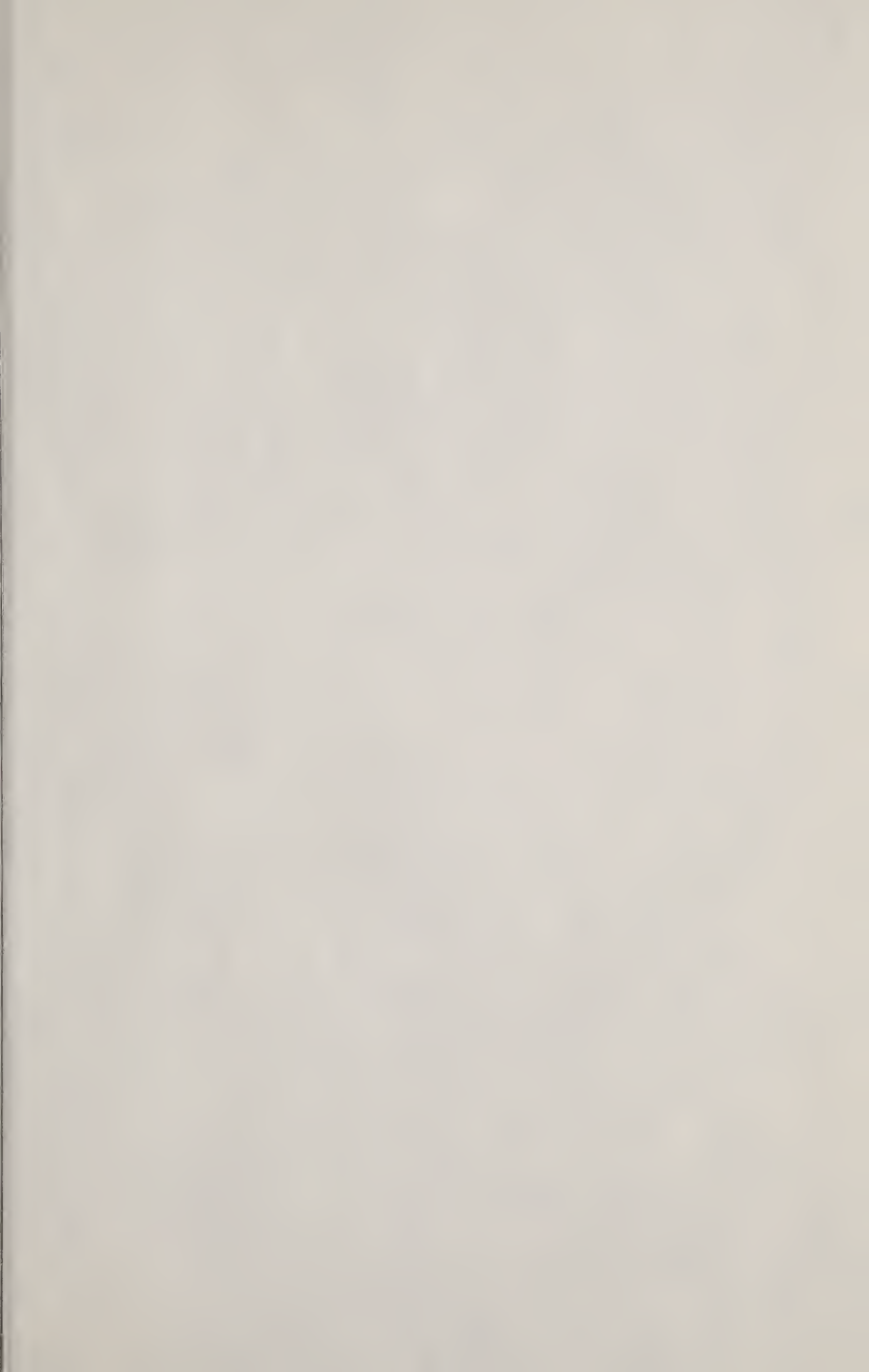
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